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[Title of the Invention] Display Device and Display Method

[Scope of Claim for Patent]

[Claim 1] A display device providing a gray scale
5 display by controlling in accordance with an input video
signal individual pixels on a display panel so that each pixel
emits light or does not emit light in individual sub-fields
that are defined by dividing one field and arranged on a time
base in a prescribed order, said sub-fields being weighted
10 to represent gray levels, said display device characterized
in that

said plurality of sub-fields are weighted in such a way
that at least one non-display gray level which cannot be
displayed by combining said plurality of sub-fields is
15 arranged between displayable gray levels by combining said
plurality of sub-fields,

and by comprising:

diffusion means receiving said video signal for, when
said video signal represents said non-display gray level,
20 diffusing temporally and/or spatially a difference between
said non-display gray level and one of said display gray
levels so that said non-display gray level can be
equivalently displayed with said display gray levels;

sub-field correspondence means for converting a video
25 signal representing one field output from said diffusion

means into a video signal representing individual sub-fields; and

emitting means for controlling said pixels on said display panel so that each pixel emits light or does not emit
5 light in said individual sub-fields, in accordance with said video signal representing said individual sub-fields output from said sub-field correspondence means.

[Claim 2] The display device as recited in claim 1, characterized in that said diffusion means includes:

10 gray level conversion means for converting said non-display gray level into one of said display gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level, and

error diffusion means for diffusing, when said non-display gray level is converted into said one of said
15 display gray levels by said gray level conversion means, a difference between said non-display gray level and said one of said display gray levels to pixels around a pixel having said non-display gray level.

[Claim 3] The display device as recited in claim 1,
20 characterized in that said diffusion means includes:

dither diffusion means for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between said non-display gray level and one of said display gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between
25 pixels.

[Claim 4] The display device as recited in claim 1, characterized in that at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between said display gray levels, and

5 said diffusion means includes:

 dither diffusion means for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in said at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of said display gray levels that is close to
10 said one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels,

 gray level conversion means for converting another non-display gray level included in said at least two continuous non-display gray levels into a gray level close
15 to said another non-display gray level among said display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable by said dither diffusion means, and

 error diffusion means for diffusing, when said another non-display gray level is converted by said gray level
20 conversion means, a difference between said another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having said another non-display gray level.

[Claim 5] The display device as recited in claims 1 to 4, characterized in that said video signal is a digital
25 video signal expressed by a plurality of bits,

and by further comprising:

lower diffusion means receiving said digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half said minimum gray level; and

selection means for selecting an output of said diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from said lower diffusion means is not less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level and for selecting an output of said lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from said lower diffusion means is less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level and for outputting the selected output to said sub-field correspondence means.

[Claim 6] The display device as recited in claim 1, characterized in that said video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits,

and by further comprising:

lower diffusion means receiving said digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the

least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half said minimum gray level; and

selection means for selecting the digital video signal
5 not yet diffused by said lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from said lower diffusion means is not less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level and for selecting an output of said lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video
10 signal output from said lower diffusion means is less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level,

and wherein said diffusion means includes dither diffusion means receiving the digital video signal output from said selection means, for alternately adding or
15 subtracting a difference between said non-display gray level and a display one of gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

[Claim 7] The display device as recited in claim 1,
20 characterized in that said video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and

at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between said display gray levels,

and by further comprising:

25 lower diffusion means receiving said digital video

signal, for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among
5 weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half said minimum gray level;

selection means for selecting an output of said diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from said lower diffusion means is not less than
10 the minimum value of said non-display gray level and for selecting an output of said lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from said lower diffusion means is less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level; and

15 dither diffusion means receiving the digital video signal output from said selection means, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in said at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of said display gray levels
20 that is close to said one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels,

and wherein said diffusion means includes:

gray level conversion means for converting another non-display gray level included in said at least two
25 continuous non-display gray levels into a gray level close

to said another non-display gray level among said display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable by said dither diffusion means, and

error diffusion means for diffusing, when said another
5 non-display gray level is converted by said gray level conversion means, a difference between said another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having said another non-display gray level.

[Claim 8] A display method for providing a gray scale
10 display by controlling in accordance with an input video signal individual pixels on a display panel so that each pixel emits light or does not emit light in individual sub-fields that are defined by dividing one field and arranged on a time base in a prescribed order, said sub-fields being weighted
15 to represent gray levels, said display method characterized in that

said plurality of sub-fields are weighted in such a way that at least one non-display gray level which cannot be displayed by combining said plurality of sub-fields is
20 arranged between displayable gray levels by combining said plurality of sub-fields,

and by comprising the steps of:

receiving said video signal for, when said video signal represents said non-display gray level, diffusing
25 temporally and/or spatially a difference between said

non-display gray level and one of said display gray levels so that said non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with said display gray levels;

converting a video signal representing one field
5 processed in said step of diffusing into a video signal representing individual sub-fields; and

controlling said pixels on said display panel so that each pixel emits light or does not emit light in said individual sub-fields in accordance with said converted
10 video signal representing said individual sub-fields.

[Claim 9] The display method as recited in claim 8, characterized in that said step of diffusing includes the steps of:

converting said non-display gray level into one of
15 said display gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level, and

diffusing, when said non-display gray level is converted into said one of said display gray levels, a difference between said non-display gray level and said one
20 of said display gray levels to pixels around a pixel having said non-display gray level.

[Claim 10] The display method as recited in claim 8, characterized in that said step of diffusing includes the step of:

25 alternately adding or subtracting a difference

between said non-display gray level and one of said display gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

[Claim 11] The display method as recited in claim 8,
5 characterized in that at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between said display gray levels, and said step of diffusing includes the steps of:

alternately adding or subtracting a difference
between one non-display gray level included in said at least
10 two continuous non-display gray levels and one of said display gray levels that is close to said one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels,

converting another non-display gray level included in
said at least two continuous non-display gray levels to a gray
15 level close into said another non-display gray level among said display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable in said step of adding or subtracting to diffuse, and

diffusing, when said another non-display gray level
20 is converted, a difference between said another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having said another non-display gray level.

[Claim 12] The display method as recited in claims
8 to 11, characterized in that said video signal is a digital
25 video signal expressed by a plurality of bits,

and by further comprising the steps of:

receiving said digital video signal for diffusing
between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one
digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding
5 to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant
sub-field having the minimum weight among weights
representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which
is half said minimum gray level; and

selecting the digital video signal processed by
10 diffusing temporally and/or spatially when the gray level of
the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of
a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum value
of said non-display gray level or selecting the digital video
signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one
15 digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained
by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit is less
than the minimum value of said non-display gray level.

[Claim 13] The display method as recited in claim 8,
characterized in that said video signal is a digital video
20 signal expressed by a plurality of bits,

and by further comprising the steps of:

receiving said digital video signal for diffusing
between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one
digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding
25 to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant

sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half said minimum gray level; and

selecting the digital video signal not processed by
5 diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level or selecting the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower
10 by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit is less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level,

and wherein said step of diffusing temporally and/or spatially includes the step of receiving the digital video
15 signal selected in said step of selecting, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between said non-display gray level and one of gray levels that is close to said non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

20 [Claim 14] The display method as recited in claim 8, characterized in that said video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and

at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between said display gray levels,

25 and by further comprising the steps of:

receiving said digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in said digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half said minimum gray level;

selecting the digital video signal processed by diffusing temporally and/or spatially when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level or selecting the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing said data of a bit lower by one digit is less than the minimum value of said non-display gray level; and

receiving the digital video signal selected in said step of selecting, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in said at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of said display gray levels that is close to said one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels,

and wherein said step of diffusing temporally and/or spatially includes the steps of:

converting another non-display gray level included in
said at least two continuous non-display gray levels into a
gray level close to said another non-display gray level among
said display gray levels and a gray level rendered
5 displayable in said step of adding or subtracting to diffuse,
and

diffusing, when said another non-display gray level
is converted, a difference between said another non-display
gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a
10 pixel having said another non-display gray level.

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Technical Field to which the Invention Belongs]

The present invention relates to a display device and
15 a display method providing a gray scale display by
controlling in accordance with an input video signal
individual pixels on a display panel so that each pixel emits
light or does not emit light in individual sub-fields that
are defined by dividing one field, arranged on a time base
20 in a prescribed order and weighted to represent gray levels.

[0002]

[Conventional Art]

A plasma display device employing a plasma display
panel has such an advantage that the same allows thinning and
25 conversion to a large screen. This plasma display device

utilizes light emission in discharge of a discharge cell forming a pixel thereby displaying an image. The plasma display panel emits light in a binary manner, and hence a sub-field method displaying halftone by temporally superposing a plurality of binary images weighted respectively is employed.

[0003]

In this sub-field method, one field is temporally divided into a plurality of sub-fields, and the respective sub-fields are weighted respectively. The weight of each sub-field corresponds to the quantity of light emission of each sub-field, the emission frequency is employed as the weight, for example, and the total of the weights of the respective sub-fields corresponds to the luminance of a video signal, i.e., the gray level.

[0004]

When employing the aforementioned sub-field method, the eyes of a viewer follow a dynamic image with respect to the dynamic image, and hence a temporal integral area of the eyes spatially changes and specific pseudo-contour noise is observed with respect to the dynamic image. This contour line is referred to as pseudo-contour noise ("Pseudo-Contour Noise Observed in Pulse Duration Modulation Dynamic Image Display": Technical Report of Television Institute, Vol. 19, No. 2, IDY95-21, pp. 61-66), serving as a cause deteriorating

the picture quality.

[0005]

In order to reduce the aforementioned dynamic image pseudo-contour, there is the one dividing one field into 10 sub-fields and setting the weights of the respective sub-fields to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 13, for example. In this case, the dynamic image pseudo-contour can be reduced.

[0006]

There is also the one multiplying the number of light emission pulses of each sub-field by an integer with respect to a reference number of light emission pulses, dividing one field into 10 sub-fields, for example, and setting weights for the respective sub-fields to 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 32, 40, 44 and 52 in order to improve the maximum luminance. In this case, the maximum gray level reaches 252, and the maximum luminance can be improved.

[0007]

[Problems to Be Solved by the Invention]

In the former example, however, the maximum gray level reaches 64 and the maximum luminance cannot be improved although the dynamic image pseudo-contour can be reduced. In the latter example, the maximum gray level reaches 252 and the maximum luminance can be improved, while the gray level can only be set every four and hence reproducibility for low

gray levels lowers.

[0008]

An object of the present invention is to provide a display device and a display method capable of sufficiently enlarging the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales without increasing the number of division of sub-fields while improving reproducibility for low gray levels.

[0009]

10 [Means for Solving the Problems]

(1) First Invention

A display device according to a first invention is a display device providing a gray scale display by controlling in accordance with an input video signal individual pixels on a display panel so that each pixel emits light or does not emit light in individual sub-fields that are defined by dividing one field and arranged on a time base in a prescribed order, the sub-fields being weighted to represent gray levels, the plurality of sub-fields are weighted in such a way that at least one non-display gray level which cannot be displayed by combining the plurality of sub-fields is arranged between displayable gray levels by combining the plurality of sub-fields, and the display device comprises diffusion means receiving the video signal for, when the video signal represents the non-display gray level,

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diffusing temporally and/or spatially a difference between the non-display gray level and one of the display gray levels so that the non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with the display gray levels; sub-field
5 correspondence means for converting a video signal representing one field output from the diffusion means into a video signal representing individual sub-fields; and emitting means for controlling the pixels on the display panel so that each pixel emits light or does not emit light
10 in the individual sub-fields, in accordance with the video signal representing the individual sub-fields output from the sub-field correspondence means.

[0010]

In the display device according to the first
15 invention, the plurality of sub-fields are so weighted that at least one non-display gray level non-displayable by combination of the plurality of sub-fields is arranged between display gray levels displayable by combination of the plurality of sub-fields, non-display gray levels are
20 properly dispersed in the display gray levels, and the total number of gray scales and the maximum gray level can be enlarged as a whole without increasing the number of division of the sub-fields although gray levels non-displayable by only combination of sub-fields are present.

25 [0011]

The difference between the non-display gray level and one of the display gray levels is temporally and/or spatially diffused when the video signal is a video signal of the non-display gray level, and the video signal of one field after diffusion is converted into the video signal every sub-field so that each pixel on the display panel emit light or emit no light every sub-field in response to the converted video signal every sub-field, whereby the non-display gray level not directly displayable by combination of sub-fields can be equivalently displayed with the display gray levels. Thus, display of all gray levels including display gray levels and non-display gray levels becomes possible, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged, and low gray levels can also be sufficiently finely reproduced.

[0012]

Consequently, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged while reproducibility for low gray levels can be improved without increasing the number of division of sub-fields.

[0013]

(2) Second Invention

In a display device according to a second invention, in the structure of the display device according to the first

invention, the diffusion means includes gray level conversion means for converting the non-display gray level into one of the display gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level, and error diffusion means for
5 diffusing, when the non-display gray level is converted into the one of the display gray levels by the gray level conversion means, a difference between the non-display gray level and the one of the display gray levels to pixels around a pixel having the non-display gray level.

10 [0014]

In this case, the non-display gray level to the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is converted and the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level is
15 diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level. Therefore, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level can be spatially diffused, and the non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with the display gray level.

20 [0015]

(3) Third Invention

In a display device according to a third invention, in the structure of the display device according to the first invention, the diffusion means includes dither diffusion
25 means for alternately adding or subtracting a difference

between the non-display gray level and one of the display gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

[0016]

5 In this case, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse between fields or between pixels, whereby the difference between the non-display gray level and
10 the display gray level can be temporally or spatially diffused by dither diffusion processing and the non-display gray level can be displayed with the non-display gray level.
[0017]

(4) Fourth Invention

15 In a display device according to a fourth invention, in the structure of the display device according to the first invention, at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the diffusion means includes dither diffusion means for
20 alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of the display gray levels that is close to the one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels, gray level
25 conversion means for converting another non-display gray

level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels into a gray level close to the another non-display gray level among the display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable by the dither diffusion means, and error diffusion means for diffusing, when the another non-display gray level is converted by the gray level conversion means, a difference between the another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having the another non-display gray level.

10 [0018]

In this case, at least two non-display gray levels are continuously arranged between the display gray levels, while the difference between one non-display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse between fields or between pixels, the other non-display gray level is converted into the gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels and the gray level rendered displayable by dither diffusion processing, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level is diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level. Also when at least two non-display gray levels continue, therefore, it is possible to equivalently display one thereof by dither

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diffusion processing while equivalently displaying the other non-display gray level by error diffusion processing, and all non-display gray levels can be displayed with the display gray levels also when at least two non-display gray levels
5 continue.

[0019]

(5) Fifth Invention

In a display device according to a fifth invention, in the structure of the display device according to any of
10 the first to fourth inventions, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the display device further comprises lower diffusion means receiving the digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the
15 digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, and selection means for selecting an output of the diffusion
20 means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion means is not less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level and for selecting an output of the lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion
25 means is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray

level and for outputting the selected output to the sub-field correspondence means.

[0020]

In this case, the video signal is a digital video
5 signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the data of the
bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal
corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between
fields or between pixels in order to display the gray level
half the minimum gray level expressed by the least
10 significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in
correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of
sub-fields, the digital video signal obtained by temporally
and/or spatially diffusing the difference between the
non-display gray level and the display gray level is selected
15 when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is
in excess of the minimum value of the non-display gray level
and a digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of
the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected
otherwise, i.e., in a case of a low gray level. Therefore,
20 the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently
displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and
resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0021]

(6) Sixth Invention

25 In a display device according to a sixth invention,

in the structure of the display device according to the first invention, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the display device further comprises lower diffusion means receiving the digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, and selection means for selecting the digital video signal not yet diffused by the lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion means is not less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level and for selecting an output of the lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion means is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level, and the diffusion means includes dither diffusion means receiving the digital video signal output from the selection means, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between the non-display gray level and a display one of gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

In this case, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, the data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused in order to display the gray level half the minimum gray level expressed by the most significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of sub-fields, the digital video signal before diffusion is selected when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum value of the non-display gray level while the digital video signal diffusing the data of the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected otherwise, i.e., when the gray level is a low gray level, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse with the selected digital video signal. Therefore, the non-display gray level can be expressed with the display gray level by dither diffusion processing while the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0023]

In a display device according to a seventh invention, in the structure of the display device according to the first invention, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the display device further comprises lower diffusion means receiving the digital video signal, for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, selection means for selecting an output of the diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion means is not less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level and for selecting an output of the lower diffusion means when the gray level of the digital video signal output from the lower diffusion means is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level, and dither diffusion means receiving the digital video signal output from the selection means, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of the display gray levels that is close to

the one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels, the diffusion means includes gray level conversion means for converting another non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels into a gray level close to the another non-display gray level among the display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable by the dither diffusion means, and error diffusion means for diffusing, when the another non-display gray level is converted by the gray level conversion means, a difference between the another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having the another non-display gray level.

[0024]

In this case, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the difference between one non-display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels and a display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuses between fields or between pixels, the other display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels is converted into a gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable

by dither diffusion processing, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level is diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level.

5 [0025]

The data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between fields or between pixels in order to display the gray level half the minimum gray level expressed
10 by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of sub-fields, the digital video signal diffused by error diffusion processing is selected when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the
15 minimum value of the non-display gray level, and a digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected otherwise, i.e., when the gray level is a low gray level.

[0026]

20 Also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous, therefore, it is possible to diffuse one by dither diffusion processing and diffuse the other non-display gray level by error diffusion processing, while the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently
25 displayed when the gray level is a low gray level and

resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0027]

(8) Eighth Invention

A display method according to an eighth invention is
5 a display method for providing a gray scale display by
controlling in accordance with an input video signal
individual pixels on a display panel so that each pixel emits
light or does not emit light in individual sub-fields that
are defined by dividing one field and arranged on a time base
10 in a prescribed order, the sub-fields being weighted to
represent gray levels, the plurality of sub-fields are
weighted in such a way that at least one non-display gray
level which cannot be displayed by combining the plurality
of sub-fields is arranged between displayable gray levels by
15 combining the plurality of sub-fields, and the display method
comprises the steps of: receiving the video signal for, when
the video signal represents the non-display gray level,
diffusing temporally and/or spatially a difference between
the non-display gray level and one of the display gray levels
20 so that the non-display gray level can be equivalently
displayed with the display gray levels; converting a video
signal representing one field processed in the step of
diffusing into a video signal representing individual
sub-fields; and controlling the pixels on the display panel
25 so that each pixel emits light or does not emit light in the

individual sub-fields in accordance with the converted video signal representing the individual sub-fields.

[0028]

In the display method according to the eighth invention, the plurality of sub-fields are so weighted that at least one non-display gray level non-displayable by combination thereof is arranged between display gray levels displayable by combination thereof, non-display gray levels are properly dispersed in the display gray levels, and the total number of gray levels and the maximum gray level can be enlarged as a whole without increasing the number of division of the sub-fields although gray levels not displayable only by combination of sub-fields are present.

[0029]

The difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray levels is temporally and/or spatially diffused when the video signal is a video signal of a non-display gray level, the video signal of one field after diffusion is converted into a video signal every subfield so that each pixel on the display panel emit light or emit no light every sub-field in response to the converted video signal every sub-field, whereby a non-display gray level not directly expressible by combination of sub-fields can be equivalently displayed with a display gray level. Therefore, display of all gray levels including display gray levels and

non-display gray levels becomes possible, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged, and low gray levels can also be sufficiently finely reproduced.

5 [0030]

Consequently, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged while reproducibility for low gray levels can be improved without increasing the number of division of sub-fields.

[0031]

(9) Ninth Invention

In a display method according to a ninth invention, in the structure of the display method according to the eighth invention, the step of diffusing includes the steps of converting the non-display gray level into one of the display gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level, and diffusing, when the non-display gray level is converted into the one of the display gray levels, a difference between the non-display gray level and the one of the display gray levels to pixels around a pixel having the non-display gray level.

[0032]

In this case, the non-display gray level is converted into the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels, and the difference

between the non-display gray level and the display gray level is diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level. Therefore, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level can be spatially diffused, and the non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with the display gray level.

[0033]

(10) Tenth Invention

In a display method according to a tenth invention, in the structure of the display method according to the eighth invention, the step of diffusing includes the step of alternately adding or subtracting a difference between the non-display gray level and one of the display gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

[0034]

In this case, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse between fields or between pixels, whereby the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level can be temporally or spatially diffused by dither diffusion processing, and the non-display gray level can be displayed with the non-display gray level.

[0035]

(11) Eleventh Invention

In a display method according to an eleventh invention, in the structure of the display method according to the eighth invention, at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the step of diffusing includes the steps of alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of the display gray levels that is close to the one non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels, converting another non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels to a gray level close into the another non-display gray level among the display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable in the step of adding or subtracting to diffuse, and diffusing, when the another non-display gray level is converted, a difference between the another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having the another non-display gray level.

[0036]

In this case, at least two non-display gray levels are continuously arranged between the display gray levels, while the difference between one non-display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels and the

display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse, the other non-display gray level is converted into the gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels and a gray level rendered displayable by dither diffusion processing and the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level is diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level. Also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous, therefore, one thereof can be equivalently displayed by dither diffusion processing while the other non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed by error diffusion processing, and all non-display gray levels can be displayed with display gray levels also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous.

[0037]

(12) Twelfth Invention

In a display method according to a twelfth invention, in the structure of the display method according to any of the eighth to eleventh inventions, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the display method further comprises the steps of: receiving the digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray

level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, and selecting the digital video signal processed by diffusing temporally and/or spatially when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level or selecting the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level.

[0038]

In this case, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between fields or between pixels in order to display the gray level half the minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of sub-fields and the digital video signal obtained by temporally and/or spatially diffusing the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level is selected when the gray level of the diffused digital video

signal is in excess of the minimum value of the non-display gray level while the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected otherwise, i.e., in a case of a low gray level. Therefore, the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and the resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0039]

10 (13) Thirteenth Invention

In a display method according to a thirteenth invention, in the structure of the display method apparatus according to the eighth invention, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the display method further comprises the steps of: receiving the digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, and selecting the digital video signal not processed by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum

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value of the non-display gray level or selecting the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level, and wherein the step of diffusing temporally and/or spatially includes the step of receiving the digital video signal selected in the step of selecting, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between the non-display gray level and one of gray levels that is close to the non-display gray level to diffuse between fields or between pixels.

[0040]

In this case, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and the data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused in order to display the gray level half the minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of sub-fields, the digital video signal before diffusion is selected when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum value of the non-display gray level while the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected otherwise, i.e., when

the gray level is a low gray level, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse between fields or between pixels with the selected digital video signal. Therefore, the non-display gray level can be expressed with the gray level by dither diffusion processing while the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and the resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0041]

(14) Fourteenth Invention

In a display method according to a fourteenth invention, in the structure of the display method according to the eighth invention, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, and at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the display method further comprises the steps of receiving the digital video signal for diffusing between fields or between pixels data of a bit lower by one digit than a bit in the digital video signal corresponding to a minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight among weights representing gray levels, so as to display a gray level which is half the minimum gray level, selecting the digital video

signal processed by diffusing temporally and/or spatially when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is not less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level or
5 selecting the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit when the gray level of the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of a bit lower by one digit is less than the minimum value of the non-display gray level, and receiving the digital video
10 signal selected in the step of selecting, for alternately adding or subtracting a difference between one non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels and one of the display gray levels that is close to the one non-display gray level to diffuse
15 between fields or between pixels, and the step of diffusing temporally and/or spatially includes the steps of converting another non-display gray level included in the at least two continuous non-display gray levels into a gray level close to the another non-display gray level among the display gray
20 levels and a gray level rendered displayable in the step of adding or subtracting to diffuse, and diffusing, when the another non-display gray level is converted, a difference between the another non-display gray level and the converted gray level to pixels around a pixel having the another
25 non-display gray level.

[0042]

In this case, the video signal is a digital video signal expressed by a plurality of bits, at least two continuous non-display gray levels are included between the display gray levels, and the difference between one non-display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels is alternately added or subtracted to diffuse between fields or between pixels, the other display gray level included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels is converted into the gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels and the gray level rendered displayable by dither diffusion processing, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level is diffused to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level.

[0043]

Further, the data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between fields or between pixels in order to display the gray level half the minimum gray level expressed by the least significant sub-field having the minimum weight weighted in correspondence to the gray level among the plurality of sub-fields and the diffused digital

video signal is selected by error diffusion processing when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum value of the non-display gray level while the digital video signal obtained by diffusing the data of the lower bit between fields or between pixels is selected otherwise, i.e., when the gray level is a low gray level. [0044]

Also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous, therefore, it is possible to diffuse one by dither diffusion processing and diffuse the other non-display gray level by error diffusion processing while the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and the resolution of the low gray level can be more refined. [0045]

[Embodiments of the Invention]

An AC plasma display device is now described as an exemplary display device according to the present invention. While a case where a video signal corresponds to luminance, i.e., a gray level as such is described in the following description, a similar effect can be attained by performing processing every color similarly to the following also in a case of performing color display. [0046]

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing the structure of a

plasma display device according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

[0047]

The plasma display device shown in Fig. 1 includes an
5 A/D (analog-to-digital) converter 1, a gray level
conversion/diffusion circuit 2, a video signal-sub-field
corresponder 3, a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and
sustain driving circuit 5, a data driving circuit 6, a plasma
display panel 7 and a timing pulse generator 8.

10 [0048]

A video signal VS is input in the A/D converter 1. The
A/D converter 1 converts the analog video signal VS to digital
image data VD, and outputs the same to the gray level
conversion/diffusion circuit 2.

15 [0049]

The timing pulse generator 8 generates a prescribed
timing signal TC on the basis of a horizontal synchronizing
signal HC and a vertical synchronizing signal VC of the video
signal VS and a prescribed CLK etc. and supplies the same to
20 each part in the device at need.

[0050]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2
converts the gray level of the input image data VD to a display
gray level displayable by combination of a plurality of
25 sub-fields when the same is a non-display gray level

non-displayable by combination of a plurality of sub-fields,
while spatially diffusing the difference between the
non-display gray level and the display gray level and
outputting converted image data VV to the video
5 signal-sub-field corresponder 3.

[0051]

The video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 prepares
image data of each sub-field from image data of one field and
outputs the same to the sub-field processor 4, in order to
10 divide one field into a plurality of sub-fields and display
the same.

[0052]

The sub-field processor 4 decides the number of
sustain pulses in a sustain period etc. from image data every
15 sub-field etc. and outputs a data driver driving control
signal to the data driving circuit 6 while outputting a scan
driver driving control signal and a sustain driver driving
control signal to the scanning and sustain driving circuit
5.

20 [0053]

The plasma display panel 7 includes a plurality of
address electrodes (data electrodes), a plurality of scan
electrodes (scanning electrodes) and a plurality of sustain
electrodes (sustain electrodes). The plurality of address
25 electrodes are arranged in a vertical direction of a screen,

while the plurality of scan electrodes and the plurality of sustain electrodes are arranged in a horizontal direction of the screen. The plurality of sustain electrodes are connected in common. Discharge cells are formed on the respective intersections of the address electrodes, the scan electrodes and the sustain electrodes, and each discharge cell forms a pixel on the screen.

[0054]

The data driving circuit 6 is connected to the plurality of address electrodes of the plasma display panel 7. The scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 is connected to the plurality of scanning electrodes and sustain electrodes of the plasma display panel 7.

[0055]

According to the data driver driving control signal, the data driving circuit 6 applies a write pulse to a corresponding address electrode of the plasma display panel 7 in response to the image data in a write period.

[0056]

According to the scan driver driving control signal, the scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 successively applies the write pulse to the plurality of scan electrodes while shifting a shift pulse in a vertical scanning direction in the write period. Thus, address discharge is performed in a corresponding discharge cell. Further, the scanning and

sustain driving circuit 5 applies a periodic sustain pulse to the plurality of scan electrodes of the plasma display panel 7 in a sustain period according to the scan driver driving control signal, while simultaneously applying a sustain pulse 180° out of phase from the sustain pulse for the scan electrodes to the plurality of sustain electrodes according to the sustain driver driving control signal. Thus, sustain discharge is performed in the corresponding discharge cell, and each pixel is made to emit light or emit no light every sub-field.

[0057]

In the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1, as hereinabove described, an ADS (Address Display-Period Separation: address·display period separation) system is employed as a gray scale display driving system. The ADS system temporally divides one field into a plurality of sub-fields, each sub-field is separated into a setup period, a write period, a sustain period etc., setup processing of each sub-field is performed in the setup period, address discharge for selecting a lit discharge cell is performed in the write period, and sustain discharge for display is performed in the sustain period.

[0058]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 shown in Fig. 1 is now described in detail. Fig. 2 is a block diagram

showing the structure of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 shown in Fig. 1.

[0059]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 shown
5 in Fig. 2 includes a gray level conversion table 21 and an error diffusion circuit 22.

[0060]

The gray level conversion table 21 outputs a display gray level displayable by combination of a plurality of
10 sub-fields as such among gray levels of input image data, while converting a non-display gray level non-displayable by combination of a plurality of sub-fields to a display gray level close to the non-display gray level and outputting the same.

15 [0061]

That is, the gray level conversion table 21 includes a table storing information related to display gray levels and non-display gray levels, and converts input gray levels to display gray levels responsive to the gray levels. More
20 specifically, the contents of the display gray levels and the non-display gray levels are described in the gray level conversion table 21 as shown in Fig. 4 to Fig. 8 described later, for example, while an input gray level is output as such when the same is 1 and the input gray level is converted
25 to 1 which is the most approximate gray level in the vicinity

and output when the same is 2 in the example shown in Fig. 4.

[0062]

Then, the error diffusion circuit 2 is described in detail. The error diffusion circuit 22 includes adders 23 and 24, a subtractor 25, delay elements 26 to 29 and multipliers 30 to 33.

[0063]

The adder 23 adds the input image data VD and an output of the adder 24 with each other, and outputs the result to the gray level conversion table 21 and the subtractor 25. The subtractor 25 subtracts an output of the gray level conversion table 21 from the output of the adder 23, and outputs the result to the delay elements 26 to 29.

15 [0064]

The delay element 26 delays the input by one pixel ($1T$) and outputs the same to the multiplier 30. The delay element 27 delays the input by one line and one pixel ($1H + 1T$) and outputs the same to the multiplier 31. The delay element 28 delays the input by one line ($1H$) and outputs the same to the multiplier 32. The delay element 29 delays it by a period before one pixel from one line ($1H - 1T$) and outputs the same to the multiplier 33.

[0065]

25 The multiplier 30 multiplies the input by a prescribed

coefficient K1 and outputs the result to the adder 24. The multiplier 31 multiplies the input by a prescribed coefficient K2 and outputs the result to the adder 24. The multiplier 32 multiplies the input by a prescribed coefficient K3 and outputs the result to the adder 24. The multiplier 33 multiplies the input by a prescribed coefficient K4 and outputs the result to the adder 24. At this point, the respective coefficients K1, K2, K3 and K4 are set to proper values satisfying the relation $K1 + K2 + K3 + K4 = 1$, and $7/16$, $1/16$, $5/16$ and $3/16$ are employed as the coefficients K1 to K4, for example. The adder 24 adds up the outputs of the respective multipliers 30 to 33 and outputs the result to the adder 23.

[0066]

When a gray level is converted in the gray level conversion table 21, the converted gray level is subtracted from the original gray level of the image data VD by the subtracter 25 and level difference e' is obtained due to the aforementioned structure. This level difference e' is delayed by prescribed times by the respective delay elements 26 to 29, multiplied by the prescribed coefficients $k1$ to K4 by the multipliers 30 to 33, thereafter added by the adder 24, and finally output as a diffusion error e .

[0067]

That is, in the error diffusion circuit 22, the level

difference e' between the original gray level of the image data VD and the gray level after conversion by the gray level conversion table 21 is diffused from a processed pixel (pixel of e') to peripheral pixels (pixels of K1 to K4) as shown at (a) in Fig. 3, error diffusion processing of spatially diffusing the level difference e' between the gray level essential to the processed pixel and the gray level after converted by the gray level conversion table 21 is performed, and the converted image data VV is output. The diffusion error e for a certain pixel is obtained by totalizing errors diffused from the pixels (the pixels of k1 to K4) around the pixel (the pixel of e) as shown at (b) in Fig. 3.

[0068]

Gray levels to be displayed are preserved in the overall screen by performing the aforementioned error diffusion processing on the overall screen, and it seems to human eyes as if the same is displayed in essential luminance of the pixels, i.e., gray levels before conversion when observing the overall screen. Thus, an image of high picture quality having no roughness of the image can be expressed.

[0069]

Thus, the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 converts the non-display gray level to the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among display gray levels, and diffuses the difference between the non-display

gray level and the display gray level to the pixels around the pixel having the non-display gray level. Therefore, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level can be spatially diffused, and the non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with the display gray level.

[0070]

In this embodiment, the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 corresponds to the diffusion means, the video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and the sub-field processor 4, the scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and the data driving circuit 6 correspond to the emission means. The gray level conversion table 21 corresponds to the gray level conversion means, and the error diffusion circuit 22 corresponds to the error diffusion means.

[0071]

Specific examples of sub-fields employed in this embodiment are now described in detail. Fig. 4 to Fig. 8 are diagrams showing gray scale display examples by a first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1. In each of the following drawings, "○" in each sub-field column in each gray level shows a sub-field in an emission state, a blank column shows a sub-field in a non-emission state, that having "○" in the column of display

available/unavailable is a display gray level, and that having "x" in the column of display available/unavailable is a non-display gray level.

[0072]

5 As shown in Fig. 4 to Fig. 8, the first sub-field group is formed by 10 sub-fields SF1 to SF10, the weights of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF10 are 1, 3, 6, 12, 19, 26, 34, 42, 51 and 61, and the weight of each sub-field corresponds to the quantity of emission (luminance) at the
10 time when this sub-field emits light.

[0073]

 In this case, at least two or more display gray levels are continuous, only one non-display gray level is included between the display gray levels, and non-display gray levels
15 properly disperse between the display gray levels. Therefore, the maximum gray level becomes 255, and it is possible to sufficiently enlarge the maximum gray level without much increasing the number of the sub-fields.

[0074]

20 While non-display gray levels such as 2 and 5 cannot be displayed when employing combination of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF10 as such, error diffusion processing is performed by the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 by converting the respective non-display gray levels to the
25 display gray levels shown in the columns of converted values

of Fig. 4 to Fig. 8 and regarding the values shown in the columns of errors as the difference between the non-display gray levels and the display gray levels. Referring to Fig. 4, the gray level 2 is converted to the gray level 1 by the gray level conversion table 21, and the error 1 is diffused by the error diffusion circuit 22, for example.

[0075]

Thus, all non-display gray levels can be equivalently displayed with display gray levels. Therefore, the total number of gray scales reaches 256 gray scales, the total number of gray scales can also be sufficiently enlarged, and the maximum luminance can also be sufficiently enlarged. In a case of displaying a dynamic image, gray levels readily causing dynamic image pseudo-contours may not be employed.

[0076]

In this embodiment, according to the aforementioned structure, the respective sub-fields of the first sub-field group are so weighted that one non-display gray level non-displayable by combination thereof is arranged between display gray levels displayable by combination thereof, non-display gray levels are properly dispersed in display gray levels, and the total number of gray scales and the maximum gray level can be enlarged as a whole without increasing the number of division of the sub-fields although gray levels non-displayable by only combination of the

sub-fields are present.

[0077]

Further, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level is spatially diffused by the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 when the video signal is a video signal of the non-display gray level, the video signal of one field after diffusion is converted into a video signal every sub-field by the video signal-sub-field corresponsder 3 so that each discharge cell of the plasma display panel 7 emit light or emit no light every sub-field by the sub-field processor 4, the scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and the data driving circuit 6 in response to the video signal every sub-field, whereby non-display gray levels not directly expressible by combination of sub-fields can be equivalently displayed with the display gray level.

[0078]

Therefore, display of all gray levels inclusive of gray levels and non-display gray levels becomes possible, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently increased, and low gray levels can also be sufficiently finely reproduced. Consequently, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged while reproducibility for low gray levels can be improved without increasing the number of division of sub-fields.

[0079]

A plasma display device according to a second embodiment of the present invention is now described. The point different between the plasma display device according to the second embodiment and the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1 is the point that the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 is changed to a dither circuit 2a performing dither diffusion processing while the remaining points are similar to those of the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1, and hence only the dither circuit 2a is now described in detail.

[0080]

Fig. 9 is a block diagram showing the structure of the dither circuit employed for the plasma display device according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

[0081]

The dither circuit 2a shown in Fig. 9 includes a dither table 42, an adder 43, a subtracter 44 and a selection circuit 45.

[0082]

Image data VD is input in the dither table 42, the adder 43 and the subtracter 44. Also in the plasma display device according to the second embodiment, the first sub-field group shown in Fig. 4 to Fig. 8 is employed, for example, and the dither table 42 stores information associating the

non-display gray levels shown by "x" in the columns of display available/unavailable in Fig. 4 to Fig. 8 with the dithers described in the columns of dithers as a table.

[0083]

5 That is, the dither table 42 outputs the dither used for the dither diffusion processing to the adder 43 and the subtracter 44 when the gray level of the input image data VD is a non-display gray level subjected to the dither diffusion processing, and outputs zero as the dither when the gray level
10 of the input image data VD is not the gray level subjected to the dither diffusion processing, i.e., a display gray level. In the example shown in Fig. 4, for example, the dither table 2 outputs 1 as the dither when the gray level is 2.
[0084]

15 The adder 43 receives the image data VD and the output of the dither table 42, adds the same and outputs the result to the selection circuit 45. The subtracter 44 receives the image data VD and the output of the dither table 42, and outputs a value obtained by subtracting the output of the
20 dither table 42 from the image data VD to the selection circuit 45. The selection circuit 45, in which a selection signal SC prepared by a timing pulse generator 8 is input, alternates the output of the adder 43 and the output of the subtracter 44 at prescribed timing and outputs image data VV
25 after conversion.

[0085]

According to the aforementioned structure, the dither circuit 2a performs, when the gray level of the image data VD is a non-display gray level subjected to dither diffusion processing, dither diffusion processing for making expression with a display gray level obtained by performing diffusion by a dither set for the non-display gray level. More specifically, the dither circuit 2a generates, when the gray level of the input image data VD is a non-display gray level, image data for alternating display gray levels horizontally separating from the gray level by the dither in an even field and an odd field of one field and displaying the same.

[0086]

In the aforementioned dither diffusion processing, diffusion of the dither is performed so that the total is zero between an even field and an odd field as shown in Fig. 10, for example, and changes the gray level every pixel as to addition and subtraction of the dither (diffusion quantity) on a screen. That is, addition/subtraction of dithers is reversed between vertically and horizontally adjacent pixels in the even field or the odd field, and addition/subtraction of the dither on the same pixel position is reversed in the even field and the odd field. In the example shown in Fig. 10, the case shown at (a) in Fig. 10 is the even field and

the case shown at (b) in Fig. 10 is the odd field, for example.

[0087]

Thus, display gray levels are temporally averaged and an intermediate non-display gray level can be expressed on the screen. In the example shown in Fig. 4, for example, the
5 the screen. In the example shown in Fig. 4, for example, the gray level 1 ($2 - 1$) in one of the even and odd fields is displayed when the gray level is 2 and the dither is 1 while a gray level 3 ($2 + 1$) in the other one.

[0088]

10 Level difference can be temporally diffused every pixel without deteriorating resolution by employing the aforementioned dither diffusion processing and temporally diffusing the difference between the gray level essential to the image data and the display gray level used for display
15 in practice as the dither.

[0089]

Diffusion of the dither in the dither diffusion processing is not particularly restricted to the aforementioned example but addition/subtraction may be
20 performed every line or addition/subtraction may be performed every prescribed area. The dither diffusion processing may not only perform temporal diffusion as described above but may also diffuse dithers between pixels with a prescribed dither pattern for spatially performing
25 diffusion similarly to error diffusion processing.

[0090]

In this embodiment, the dither circuit 2a corresponds to the diffusion means and the dither diffusion means, a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6 correspond to the emission means.

[0091]

As hereinabove described, this embodiment alternately adds or subtracts and diffuses the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level close to the non-display gray level among the display gray levels between fields by the dither circuit 2a. Therefore, the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level can be temporally diffused by the dither diffusion processing. Consequently, it is possible to display the non-display gray level with the non-display gray level, and an effect similar to that of the first embodiment can be attained also in this embodiment.

[0092]

A plasma display device according to a third embodiment of the present invention is now described. The point different between the plasma display device according to the third embodiment and the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1 is the point that the gray level

conversion/diffusion circuit 2 is changed to a gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b performing error diffusion processing and dither diffusion processing, while the remaining points are similar to those of the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1 and hence only the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b is now described in detail.

[0093]

Fig. 11 is a block diagram showing the structure of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention.

[0094]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b shown in Fig. 11 includes a gray level conversion table 21a, an error diffusion circuit 22 and a dither circuit 41.

[0095]

The gray level conversion table 21a shown in Fig. 11 outputs, among gray levels of input image data, a display gray level displayable by combination of a plurality of sub-fields and a dither gray level displayed by dither diffusion processing of the dither circuit 41 as such while converting an error diffusion gray level displayed by error diffusion processing of the error diffusion circuit 22 to a display gray level or a dither gray level and outputting the same.

[0096]

That is, the gray level conversion table 21a includes a table storing information related to display gray levels and non-display gray levels, and converts an input gray level to a displayable gray level in response to the gray level.

5 In this embodiment, a second sub-field group shown in Fig. 12 to Fig. 16 described later is employed, for example, and the contents of display gray levels shown by "○" in columns of display available/unavailable, non-display gray levels shown by "x" in the columns of display available/unavailable, 10 such error diffusion gray levels that values different from essential gray levels are described in columns of converted values and such dither gray levels that dithers are described in columns of dithers are described in the gray level conversion table 21a as shown in the figures.

15 [0097]

In the example shown in Fig. 12, the input gray level is output as such when the same is 1 (display gray level) and when the same is 2 (dither gray level), and the input gray level is converted to 11 (dither gray level) which is the most 20 approximate displayable gray level in the vicinity when the same is 12 (error diffusion gray level).

[0098]

The error diffusion circuit 22 shown in Fig. 11 is structured similarly to the error diffusion circuit 22 shown 25 in Fig. 2, operates similarly, performs error diffusion

processing of spatially diffusing the difference between an essential gray level of image data VD and a gray level after conversion by the gray level conversion table 21a, and outputs pixel data after processing to the dither circuit 41.

5 [0099]

The dither circuit 41 shown in Fig. 11 is structured similarly to the dither circuit 2a shown in Fig. 9, similarly operates, and performs, when a gray level output from the gray level conversion table 21 is a dither gray level subjected to dither diffusion processing among non-display gray levels, dither diffusion processing for expressing the same with a display gray level obtained by performing diffusion by a dither set for the dither gray level.

[0100]

15 In this embodiment, the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b corresponds to the diffusion means, a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6 correspond to the emission means. The dither circuit 41 corresponds to the dither diffusion means, the gray level conversion table 21a corresponds to the gray level conversion means, and the error diffusion circuit 22 corresponds to the error diffusion means.

25 [0101]

Specific examples of sub-fields employed in this embodiment are now described in detail. Fig. 12 to Fig. 16 are diagrams showing gray scale display examples by the second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment.

[0102]

As shown in Fig. 12 to Fig. 16, the second sub-field group is formed by 10 sub-fields SF1 to SF10, the weights of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF10 are 1, 3, 6, 13, 20, 27, 34, 42, 50 and 59, and the weight of each sub-field corresponds to the quantity of emission (luminance) at the time when this sub-field emits light.

[0103]

Also in this case, at least two display gray levels are continuous, only two non-display gray levels are included between display gray levels at the maximum, and non-display gray levels properly disperse between display gray levels. Therefore, the maximum gray level reaches 255, and the maximum gray level can be sufficiently enlarged without much increasing the number of sub-fields.

[0104]

Also in this case, non-display gray levels such as 2, 5 etc. cannot be displayed when employing combination of the respective fields SF1 to SF10 as such, while dither gray levels are dither-diffused among non-display gray levels by

the dither circuit 41, the remaining error diffusion gray levels are converted into the gray levels shown in columns of converted values of Fig. 12 to Fig. 16 and values shown in columns of errors of Fig. 12 to Fig. 16 are error-diffused
5 by the error diffusion circuit 22. Therefore, all non-display gray levels can be equivalently displayed with display gray levels also in this example, whereby the total number of gray scales reaches 256 gray scales, the total number of gray scales can also be sufficiently enlarged, and
10 the maximum luminance can also be sufficiently enlarged.
[0105]

While at least two non-display gray levels are continuously arranged between display gray levels in this embodiment as hereinabove described, one of at least two
15 continuous non-display gray levels is diffused by alternately adding or subtracting the difference between the non-display gray level and a close display gray level between fields by the dither circuit 41, the other non-display gray level is converted into the gray level close to the
20 non-display gray level among display gray levels and dither gray levels by the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b, and the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level is diffused to pixels around the pixel having this non-display gray level.

25 [0106]

Also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous, therefore, it is possible to dither one thereof by dither diffusion processing while diffusing the other non-display gray level by error diffusion processing, all
5 non-display gray levels can be displayed with display gray levels also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous, and an effect similar to that of the first embodiment can be attained also in this embodiment.

[0107]

10 Examples of other sub-field groups employed for the plasma display devices according to the aforementioned first to third embodiments are now described. Fig. 17 to Fig. 21 are diagrams showing gray scale display examples by a third sub-field group employed for the plasma display devices
15 according to the aforementioned first to third embodiments. Columns of converted values and errors of the following respective drawings show a case of diffusing all non-display gray levels by error diffusion processing, and converted values become non-converted essential gray levels while
20 errors also become zero when dither diffusion processing is combined. Further, columns of dithers of the following respective drawings show a case of diffusing all non-display gray levels by dither diffusion processing.

[0108]

25 As shown in Fig. 17 to Fig. 21, the third sub-field

group is formed by nine sub-fields SF1 to SF9, the weights of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF9 are 1, 3, 6, 14, 24, 35, 46, 57 and 69, and the weight of each sub-field corresponds to the quantity of emission (luminance) at the time when this sub-field emits light.

[0109]

Also in this case, at least two display gray levels are continuous, only three non-display gray levels are included between display gray levels at the maximum, and non-display gray levels properly disperse between display gray levels. Therefore, the maximum gray level reaches 255, and the maximum gray level can be sufficiently enlarged without increasing the number of sub-fields.

[0110]

Also in this case, all non-display gray levels can be equivalently displayed with display gray levels by performing error diffusion processing and/or dither gray scale processing on non-display gray levels in response to the diffusion processing of the aforementioned respective embodiments although non-display gray levels such as 2 and 5 cannot be displayed when employing combination of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF9 as such. Also in this case, therefore, the total number of gray scales reaches 256 gray scales, the total number of gray scales can also be sufficiently enlarged, and the maximum gray level can also

be sufficiently enlarged.

[0111]

Fig. 22 to Fig. 26 are diagrams showing gray scale display examples by a fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma display devices according to the aforementioned first to third embodiments.

[0112]

As shown in Fig. 22 to Fig. 26, the fourth sub-field group is formed by 11 sub-fields SF1 to SF11, the weights of the respective sub-fields SF1 to SF11 are 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40 and 42, and the weight of each sub-field corresponds to the quantity of emission (luminance) at the time when this sub-field emits light.

[0113]

In this case, only two non-display gray levels are included in total, and display gray levels are substantially continuous. Therefore, the maximum gray level reaches 255, and the maximum gray level can be sufficiently enlarged without much increasing the number of sub-fields, while substantially total gray levels can be displayed by employing the display gray levels as such.

[0114]

Also in this example, all non-display gray levels can be equivalently displayed with display gray levels by performing error diffusion processing and/or dither gray

scale processing on non-display gray levels in response to the diffusion processing of the aforementioned respective embodiments although non-display gray levels of 32 and 223 cannot be displayed when employing combination of the
5 respective sub-fields SF1 to SF11 as such. Also in this example, therefore, the total number of gray scales reaches 256 gray scales, the total number of gray scales can also be sufficiently enlarged, and the maximum gray level can also be sufficiently enlarged.

10 [0115]

A plasma display device according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention is now described. Fig. 27 is a block diagram showing the structure of the plasma display device according to the fourth embodiment of the
15 present invention.

[0116]

The point different between the plasma display device shown in Fig. 27 and the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1 is the point that the A/D converter 1 and the gray level
20 conversion/diffusion circuit 2 are changed to an A/D converter 1a, a gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c, a lower diffusion circuit 9, a selection circuit 10 and a determiner 11 while the remaining points are similar to those of the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1, and hence the
25 same numerals are assigned to identical parts and only

different points are now described in detail.

[0117]

The A/D converter 1a converts an analog video signal VS to image data VD' having a prescribed bit number and
5 outputs the same to the lower diffusion circuit 9, while truncating data of the least significant bit of the image data VD', converting the same to image data VD less by one bit, and outputting the same to the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2. As to the bit number of the
10 image data VD' input in the lower diffusion circuit 9, various bit numbers can be employed so far as the same can express a bit lower by one than a bit corresponding to the minimum gray level among gray levels expressible by combination of sub-fields.

15 [0118]

This embodiment employs the first sub-field group shown in Fig. 4 to Fig. 8, for example, as a plurality of sub-fields. In the first sub-field group, therefore, 256 gray scales are expressed by data of 8 bits, the maximum gray
20 level expressible by combination of sub-fields is 255, the minimum gray level is 1, and the bit number of the image data VD' input in the lower diffusion circuit 9 is 9. The used sub-fields are not particularly restricted to the aforementioned example but various sub-fields such as the
25 second to fourth sub-field groups can be employed, and this

also applies to the subsequent respective embodiments.

[0119]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c is structured similarly to the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 shown in Fig. 2 and converts the gray level of the image data VD of 8 bits to a display gray level when the same is a non-display gray level, while spatially diffusing the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray level by error diffusion processing and outputting image data of 8 bits after conversion to the selection circuit 10. The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c is not particularly restricted to the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 shown in Fig. 2, but the dither circuit 2a shown in Fig. 9 or the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2b shown in Fig. 11 may be employed.

[0120]

The lower diffusion circuit 9 receives the image data VD' of 9 bits, diffuses the data of the least significant bit between fields or between pixels in order to display a gray level half the minimum gray level, and outputs image data LV of 8 bits after diffusion to the selection circuit 10 and the determiner 11.

[0121]

The determiner 11 compares a reference signal RL

expressing the minimum value of non-display gray levels created in the device with the gray level of the image data LV diffused by the lower diffusion circuit 9 and instructs the selection circuit 10 to select the output of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c when the gray level of the image data LV diffused by the lower diffusion circuit 9 is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of the non-display gray levels while otherwise instructing the selection circuit 10 to select the output of the lower diffusion circuit 9. In this embodiment, the first sub-field pattern is employed, and the minimum value (RL) of the non-display gray levels reaches 2.

[0122]

According to the instruction of the determiner 11, the selection circuit 10 selects the output of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c when the gray level of the image data diffused by the lower diffusion circuit 9 is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of the non-display gray levels while otherwise selecting the output of the lower diffusion circuit 9, and outputs selected image data VV to a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3. Thereafter the image data is processed similarly to the first embodiment.

[0123]

Fig. 28 is a block diagram showing an exemplary structure of the lower diffusion circuit 9 shown in Fig. 27.

The lower diffusion circuit 9 shown in Fig. 28 includes a bit separation circuit 51, an adder 52 and a selection circuit 53.

[0124]

5 The bit separation circuit 51 outputs data MB of upper 8 bits of the input image data VD' of 9 bits to the adder 52 and the selection circuit 53, while outputting data LB of the least significant bit to the adder 52.

[0125]

10 The adder 52 adds the data MB of the upper 8 bits and the data LB of the least significant bit, and outputs the added data of 8 bits to the selection circuit 53. The selection circuit 53, in which a selection signal SC' prepared by a timing pulse generator 8 is input, alternates
15 the output of the adder 52 and the output MB of the bit separation circuit 51 in an even field and an odd field of one field at prescribed timing, and outputs the image data LV of 8 bits after diffusion.

[0126]

20 According to the aforementioned structure, the lower diffusion circuit 9 can diffuse the data of the least significant bit between fields and display the gray level half the minimum gray level with the diffused image data. The diffusion processing of the data of the least significant bit
25 by the lower diffusion circuit 9 is not particularly

restricted to the aforementioned example but the same may be diffused between pixels.

[0127]

In this embodiment, the gray level
5 conversion/diffusion circuit 2c corresponds to the diffusion means and the error diffusion means, a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6 correspond to
10 the emission means. The lower diffusion circuit 9 corresponds to the lower diffusion means, and the selection circuit 10 and the determiner 11 correspond to the selection means.

[0128]

15 According to the aforementioned structure, an effect similar to that of the first embodiment can be attained in this embodiment, while the data of the bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between fields by the lower
20 diffusion circuit 9, and the output of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c is selected by the selection circuit 10 when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of the non-display gray levels while the output of the lower
25 diffusion circuit 9 is selected otherwise, i.e., in the case

of a low gray level. Therefore, the gray level half the minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

5 [0129]

A plasma display device according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention is now described. Fig. 29 is a block diagram showing the structure of the plasma display device according to the fifth embodiment of the present invention.

[0130]

The point different between the plasma display device shown in Fig. 29 and the plasma display device shown in Fig. 27 is the point that the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c is omitted and a dither circuit 12 is added, while the remaining points are similar to those of the plasma display device shown in Fig. 27 and hence the same reference numerals are assigned to identical parts and only the different point is now described in detail.

20 [0131]

An A/D converter 1a converts an analog video signal VS to image data VD' of a prescribed bit number such as 9 bits, for example, and outputs the same to a lower diffusion circuit 9 while converting the image data VD' of 9 bits to image data VD of 8 bits by truncating data of the least significant bit

and outputting the same to a selection circuit 10.

[0132]

The lower diffusion circuit 9 and a determiner 11 operate similarly to the fourth embodiment, and the selection circuit 10 selects the output of the A/D converter 1a when the gray level of image data diffused by the lower diffusion circuit 9 is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of non-display gray levels while otherwise selecting the output of the lower diffusion circuit 9 according to an instruction of the determiner 11, and outputs selected image data VA to the dither circuit 12.

[0133]

The dither circuit 12, structured similarly to the dither circuit 2a shown in Fig. 9, generates, when the gray level of the input image data VA of 8 bits is a non-display gray level, image data for making display by alternating display gray levels horizontally separating from this gray level by the dither between an even field and an odd field of one field and outputs generated image data VV of 8 bits to a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3. Thereafter the image data is processed similarly to the first embodiment. The dither circuit 12 is not particularly restricted to the dither circuit shown in Fig. 9, but may diffuse the dither between pixels with a prescribed dither pattern and spatially perform diffusion.

[0134]

In this embodiment, the dither circuit 12 corresponds to the diffusion means and the dither diffusion means, the video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6 correspond to the emission means. The lower diffusion circuit 9 corresponds to the lower diffusion means, and the selection circuit 10 and the determiner 11 correspond to the selection means.

[0135]

According to the aforementioned structure, an effect similar to that of the second embodiment can be attained in this embodiment, while data of a bit lower by one than the bit of the digital video signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused between fields by the lower diffusion circuit 9, the output of the A-D converter 1a is selected by the selection circuit 10 when the gray level of the diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of non-display gray levels, the output of the lower diffusion circuit 9 is selected otherwise, i.e., in the case of a low gray level, and the selected digital video signal is subjected to dither diffusion processing by the dither circuit 12. Therefore, a non-display gray level can be expressed with a display gray level by this dither diffusion

processing, while a gray level half a minimum gray level can be equivalently displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

5 [0136]

A plasma display panel according to a sixth embodiment of the present invention is now described. Fig. 30 is a block diagram showing the structure of the plasma display device according to the sixth embodiment of the present invention.

10 [0137]

The point different between the plasma display device shown in Fig. 30 and the plasma display device shown in Fig. 27 is the point that the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2c is changed to a gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2d while a dither circuit 12 is added, and the remaining points are similar to those of the plasma display device shown in Fig. 27, and hence the same reference numerals are assigned to identical parts and only the different point is now described in detail.

20 [0138]

The gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2d is structured similarly to the gray level conversion table 21a and the error diffusion circuit 22 shown in Fig. 11 and converts, when the gray level of image data VD of 8 bits is a non-display gray level, the same to a display gray level

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or a dither gray level while spatially diffusing the difference between the non-display gray level and the converted gray level by error diffusion processing and outputting the image data of 8 bits after conversion to a selection circuit 10.

[0139]

According to an instruction of a determiner 11, the selection circuit 10 selects the output of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2d when the gray level of image data diffused by a lower diffusion circuit 9 is in excess of the minimum value (RL) of non-display gray levels while otherwise selecting an output of the lower diffusion circuit 9, and outputs selected image data VA to the dither circuit 12.

[0140]

The dither circuit 12, structured similarly to the dither circuit 41 shown in Fig. 11, generates, when the gray level of input image data VB of 8 bits is a dither gray level, image data for making display by alternating display gray levels horizontally separating from this dither gray level by the dither between an even field and an odd field of one field and outputs generated image data VV of 8 bits to a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3. Thereafter the image data is processed similarly to the first embodiment. The dither circuit 12 is not particularly restricted to the

aforementioned example, but may diffuse the dither between pixels with a prescribed dither pattern and spatially perform diffusion.

[0141]

5 In this embodiment, the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2d corresponds to the diffusion means and the error diffusion means, the video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 corresponds to the sub-field correspondence means, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6
10 correspond to the emission means. The lower diffusion means 9 corresponds to the lower diffusion means, the selection circuit 10 and the determiner 11 correspond to the selection means, and the dither circuit 12 corresponds to the dither
15 diffusion means.

[0142]

 According to the aforementioned structure, an effect similar to that of the third embodiment can be attained in this embodiment, while one of at least two continuous
20 non-display gray levels is diffused by alternately adding or subtracting the difference between the non-display gray level and a close display gray level between fields by the dither circuit 12 also when at least two non-display gray levels are continuous between display gray levels as in the
25 second sub-field group, and the other non-display gray level

included in at least two continuous non-display gray levels
is converted to a gray level close to the non-display gray
level among display gray levels and dither gray levels by the
gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2a so that the
5 difference between the non-display gray level and the
converted gray level is diffused to pixels around a pixel
having this non-display gray level.

[0143]

Data of a bit lower by one than a bit of a digital video
10 signal corresponding to the minimum gray level is diffused
between fields by the lower diffusion circuit 9 and the output
of the gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2d is selected
by the selection circuit 10 when the gray level of the
diffused digital video signal is in excess of the minimum
15 value (RL) of non-display gray levels while the output of the
lower diffusion circuit 9 is selected otherwise, i.e., in the
case of a low gray level.

[0144]

Also when at least two non-display gray levels are
20 continuous, therefore, it is possible to diffuse one by
dither diffusion processing and diffuse the other
non-display gray level by error diffusion processing, while
a gray level half a minimum gray level can be equivalently
displayed when the gray level is a low gray level, and
25 resolution of the low gray level can be more refined.

[0145]

The number, the weights etc. of sub-fields applied to the plasma display device according to the present invention are not particularly restricted to the aforementioned
5 respective examples but various modifications are available.

[0146]

[Effect of the Invention]

According to the present invention, a plurality of sub-fields are so weighted that at least one non-display gray
10 level non-displayable by combination thereof is arranged between display gray levels displayable by combination thereof and the difference between the non-display gray level and the display gray levels is temporally and/or spatially diffused when a video signal is a video signal of a
15 non-display gray level, whereby the non-display gray level can be equivalently displayed with a display gray level. Therefore, display of all gray levels including display gray levels and non-display gray levels becomes possible, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray
20 scales can be sufficiently enlarged, and low gray levels can also be sufficiently finely reproduced. Consequently, the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales can be sufficiently enlarged while reproducibility for low gray levels can be improved without increasing the
25 number of division of sub-fields.

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Fig. 1]

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing the structure of a plasma display device according to a first embodiment of the present invention

[Fig. 2]

Fig. 2 is a block diagram showing the structure of a gray level conversion/diffusion circuit shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 3]

Fig. 3 is a model diagram for illustrating diffusion and accumulation of errors by error diffusion processing

[Fig. 4]

Fig. 4 is a first diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by a first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 5]

Fig. 5 is a second diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 6]

Fig. 6 is a third diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 7]

Fig. 7 is a fourth diagram showing exemplary gray scale

display by the first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 8]

Fig. 8 is a fifth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the first sub-field group employed for the plasma display device shown in Fig. 1

[Fig. 9]

Fig. 9 is a block diagram showing the structure of a dither circuit employed for a plasma display device according to a second embodiment of the present invention

[Fig. 10]

Fig. 10 is a model diagram for illustrating diffusion of dithers of dither diffusion processing in an even field and an odd field

[Fig. 11]

Fig. 11 is a block diagram showing the structure of a gray level conversion/diffusion circuit employed for a plasma display device according to a third embodiment of the present invention

[Fig. 12]

Fig. 12 is a first diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by a second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention

[Fig. 13]

Fig. 13 is a second diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention

5 [Fig. 14]

Fig. 14 is a third diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention

10 [Fig. 15]

Fig. 15 is a fourth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention

15 [Fig. 16]

Fig. 16 is a fifth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the second sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the third embodiment of the present invention

20 [Fig. 17]

Fig. 17 is a first diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by a third sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 18]

25 Fig. 18 is a second diagram showing exemplary gray

scale display by the third sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 19]

Fig. 19 is a third diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the third sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 20]

Fig. 20 is a fourth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the third sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 21]

Fig. 21 is a fifth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the third sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

15 [Fig. 22]

Fig. 22 is a first diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by a fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 23]

20 Fig. 23 is a second diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 24]

Fig. 24 is a third diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma

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display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 25]

Fig. 25 is a fourth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

[Fig. 26]

Fig. 26 is a fifth diagram showing exemplary gray scale display by the fourth sub-field group employed for the plasma display device according to the present invention

10 [Fig. 27]

Fig. 27 is a block diagram showing the structure of a plasma display device according to a fourth embodiment of the present invention

[Fig. 28]

15 Fig. 28 is a block diagram showing the structure of an exemplary lower diffusion circuit shown in Fig. 27

[Fig. 29]

Fig. 29 is a block diagram showing the structure of a plasma display device according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention

20 the present invention

[Fig. 30]

Fig. 30 is a block diagram showing the structure of a plasma display device according to a sixth embodiment of the present invention

25 [Description of Reference Numerals]

	1, 1a	A/D converter
	2, 2b, 2c, 2d	gray level conversion/diffusion circuit
	2a	dither circuit
	3	video signal-sub-field corresponder
5	4	sub-field processor
	5	scanning and sustain driving circuit
	6	data driving circuit
	7	plasma display panel
	8	timing pulse generator
10	9	lower diffusion circuit
	10	selection circuit
	11	determiner
	12	dither circuit
	21, 21a	gray level conversion table
15	22	error diffusion circuit
	23, 24	adder
	25	subtractor
	26 to 29	delay element
	30 to 33	multiplier
20	41	dither circuit
	42	dither table
	43	adder
	44	subtractor
	45	selection circuit
25	51	bit separation circuit

52 adder

53 selection circuit

FIG. 1

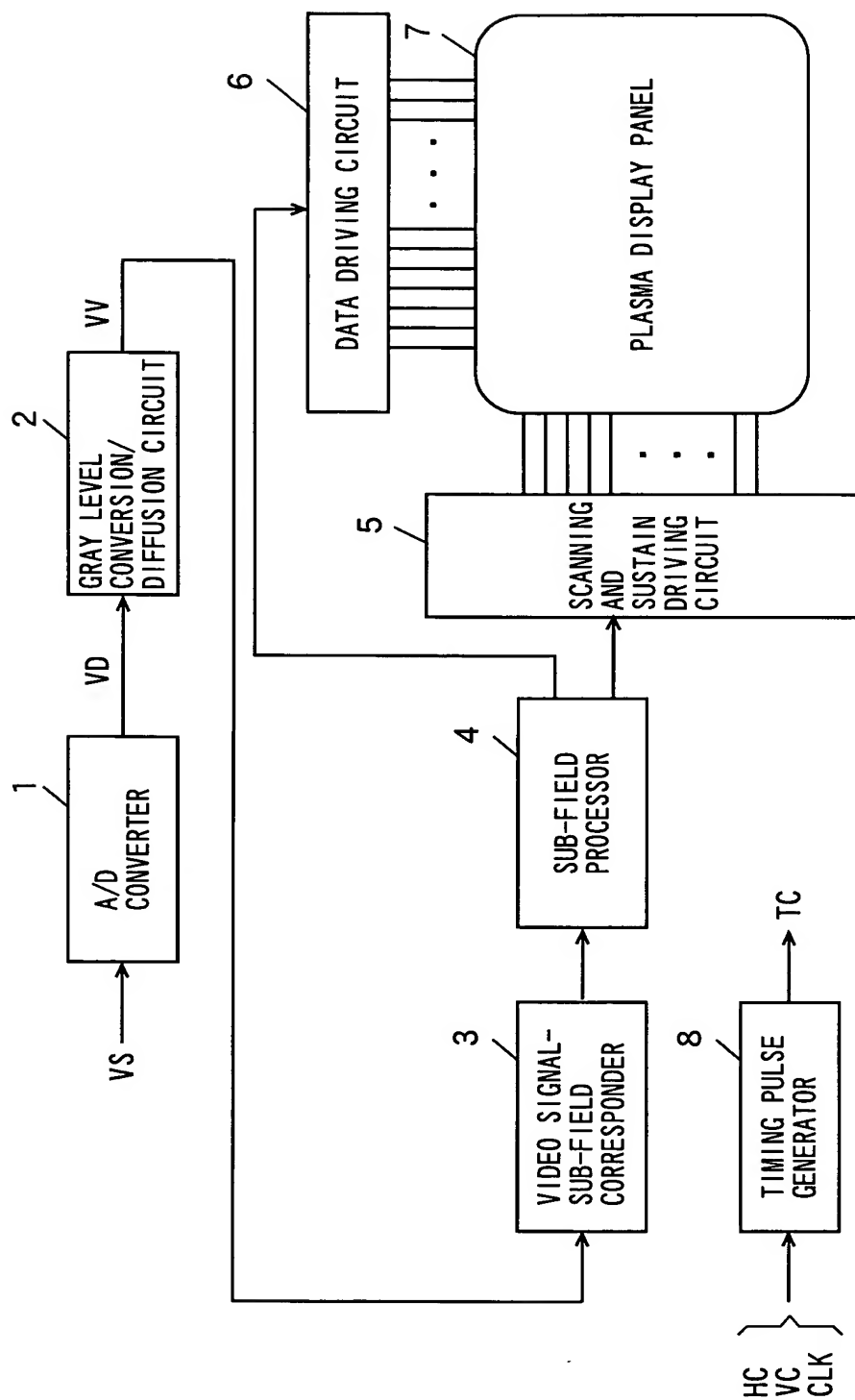
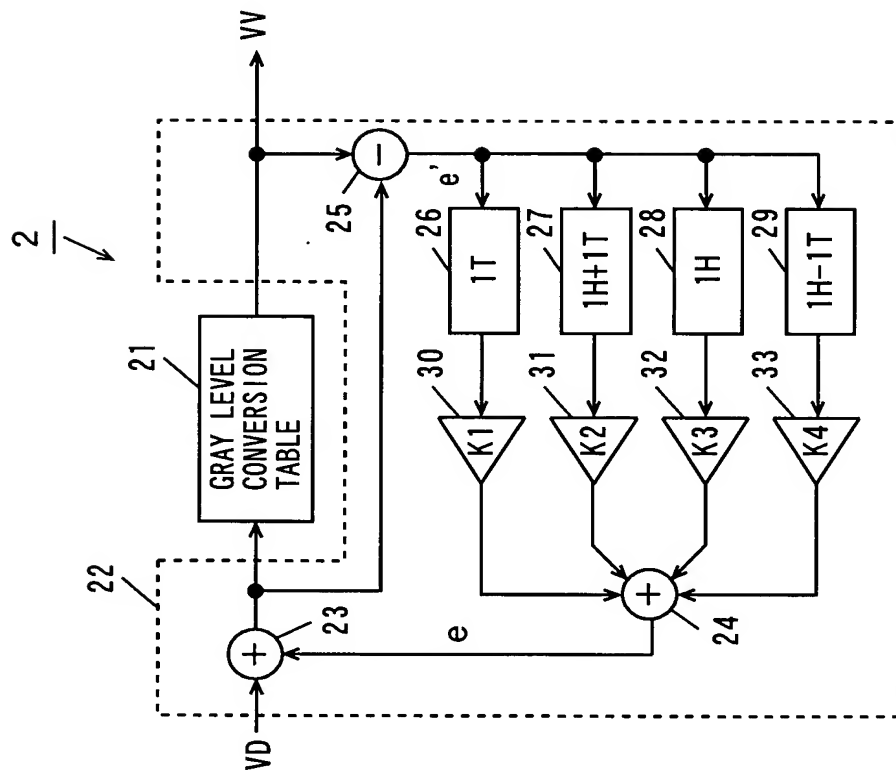
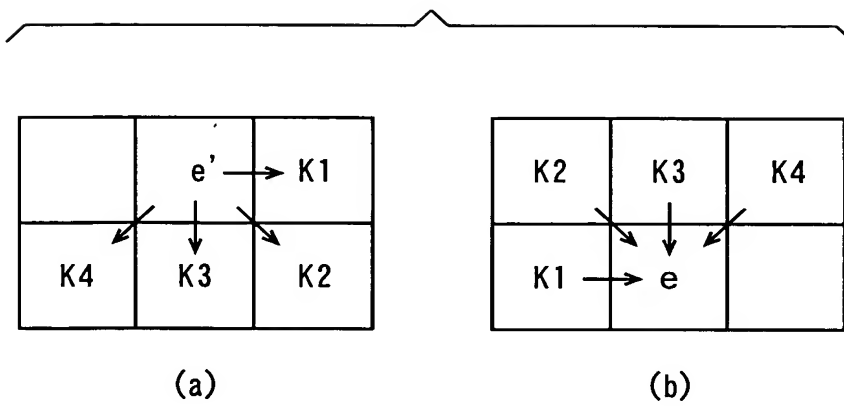


FIG. 2



F I G. 3



F I G . 4

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	12	19	26	34	42	51	61				
0											○	0	0	
1	○										○	1	0	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	1	1	± 1
3		○									○	3	0	
4	○	○									○	4	0	
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	4	1	± 1
6			○								○	6	0	
7	○		○								○	7	0	
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	7	1	± 1
9		○	○								○	9	0	
10	○	○	○								○	10	0	
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	10	1	± 1
12				○							○	12	0	
13	○			○							○	13	0	
14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	13	1	± 1
15		○		○							○	15	0	
16	○	○		○							○	16	0	
17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	16	1	± 1
18			○	○							○	18	0	
19	○		○	○							○	19	0	
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	19	1	± 1
21		○	○	○							○	21	0	
22	○	○	○	○							○	22	0	
23	○	○			○						○	23	0	
24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	23	1	± 1
25			○		○						○	25	0	
26	○		○		○						○	26	0	
27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	26	1	± 1
28		○	○		○						○	28	0	
29	○	○	○		○						○	29	0	
30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	29	1	± 1
31				○	○						○	31	0	
32	○			○	○						○	32	0	
33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	32	1	± 1
34		○		○	○						○	34	0	
35	○	○		○	○						○	35	0	
36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	35	1	± 1
37			○	○	○						○	37	0	
38	○		○	○	○						○	38	0	
39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	38	1	± 1
40		○	○	○	○						○	40	0	
41	○	○	○	○	○						○	41	0	
42	○	○		○		○					○	42	0	
43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	42	1	± 1
44			○	○		○					○	44	0	
45	○		○	○		○					○	45	0	
46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	45	1	± 1
47		○	○	○		○					○	47	0	
48	○	○	○	○		○					○	48	0	
49	○	○			○	○					○	49	0	
50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	49	1	± 1

FIG. 5

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	12	19	26	34	42	51	61				
51			○		○	○					○	51	0	
52	○		○		○	○					○	52	0	
53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	52	1	± 1
54		○	○		○	○					○	54	0	
55	○	○	○		○	○					○	55	0	
56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	55	1	± 1
57				○	○	○					○	57	0	
58	○			○	○	○					○	58	0	
59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	58	1	± 1
60		○		○	○	○					○	60	0	
61	○	○		○	○	○					○	61	0	
62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	61	1	± 1
63			○	○	○	○					○	63	0	
64	○		○	○	○	○					○	64	0	
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	64	1	± 1
66		○	○	○	○	○					○	66	0	
67	○	○	○	○	○	○					○	67	0	
68		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	68	0	
69	○	○		○	○		○				○	69	0	
70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	69	1	± 1
71			○	○	○		○				○	71	0	
72	○		○	○	○		○				○	72	0	
73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	72	1	± 1
74		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	74	0	
75	○	○	○	○	○		○				○	75	0	
76	○	○		○		○	○				○	76	0	
77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	76	1	± 1
78			○	○		○	○				○	78	0	
79	○		○	○		○	○				○	79	0	
80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	79	1	± 1
81		○	○	○		○	○				○	81	0	
82	○	○	○	○		○	○				○	82	0	
83	○	○			○	○	○				○	83	0	
84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	83	1	± 1
85			○		○	○	○				○	85	0	
86	○		○		○	○	○				○	86	0	
87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	86	1	± 1
88		○	○		○	○	○				○	88	0	
89	○	○	○		○	○	○				○	89	0	
90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	89	1	± 1
91				○	○	○	○				○	91	0	
92	○			○	○	○	○				○	92	0	
93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	92	1	± 1
94		○		○	○	○	○				○	94	0	
95	○	○		○	○	○	○				○	95	0	
96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	95	1	± 1
97			○	○	○	○	○				○	97	0	
98	○		○	○	○	○	○				○	98	0	
99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	98	1	± 1
100		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	100	0	
101	○	○	○	○	○	○	○				○	101	0	

FIG. 6

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	12	19	26	34	42	51	61				
102		○		○	○	○		○			○	102	0	
103	○	○		○	○	○		○			○	103	0	
104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	103	1	± 1
105			○	○	○	○		○			○	105	0	
106	○		○	○	○	○		○			○	106	0	
107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	106	1	± 1
108		○	○	○	○	○		○			○	108	0	
109	○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○	109	0	
110		○		○	○		○	○			○	110	0	
111	○	○		○	○		○	○			○	111	0	
112	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	111	1	± 1
113			○	○	○		○	○			○	113	0	
114	○		○	○	○		○	○			○	114	0	
115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	114	1	± 1
116		○	○	○	○		○	○			○	116	0	
117	○	○	○	○	○		○	○			○	117	0	
118	○	○		○		○	○	○			○	118	0	
119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	118	1	± 1
120			○	○		○	○	○			○	120	0	
121	○		○	○		○	○	○			○	121	0	
122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	121	1	± 1
123		○	○	○		○	○	○			○	123	0	
124	○	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	124	0	
125	○	○			○	○	○	○			○	125	0	
126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	125	1	± 1
127		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	127	0	
128	○		○		○	○	○	○			○	128	0	
129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	128	1	± 1
130		○	○		○	○	○	○			○	130	0	
131	○	○	○		○	○	○	○			○	131	0	
132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	131	1	± 1
133				○	○	○	○	○			○	133	0	
134	○			○	○	○	○	○			○	134	0	
135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	134	1	± 1
136		○		○	○	○	○	○			○	136	0	
137	○	○		○	○	○	○	○			○	137	0	
138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	137	1	± 1
139			○	○	○	○	○	○			○	139	0	
140	○		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	140	0	
141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	140	1	± 1
142		○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	142	0	
143	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	143	0	
144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	143	1	± 1
145		○		○	○	○	○		○		○	145	0	
146	○	○		○	○	○	○		○		○	146	0	
147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	146	1	± 1
148			○	○	○	○	○		○		○	148	0	
149	○		○	○	○	○	○		○		○	149	0	
150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	149	1	± 1
151		○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	151	0	
152	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	152	0	

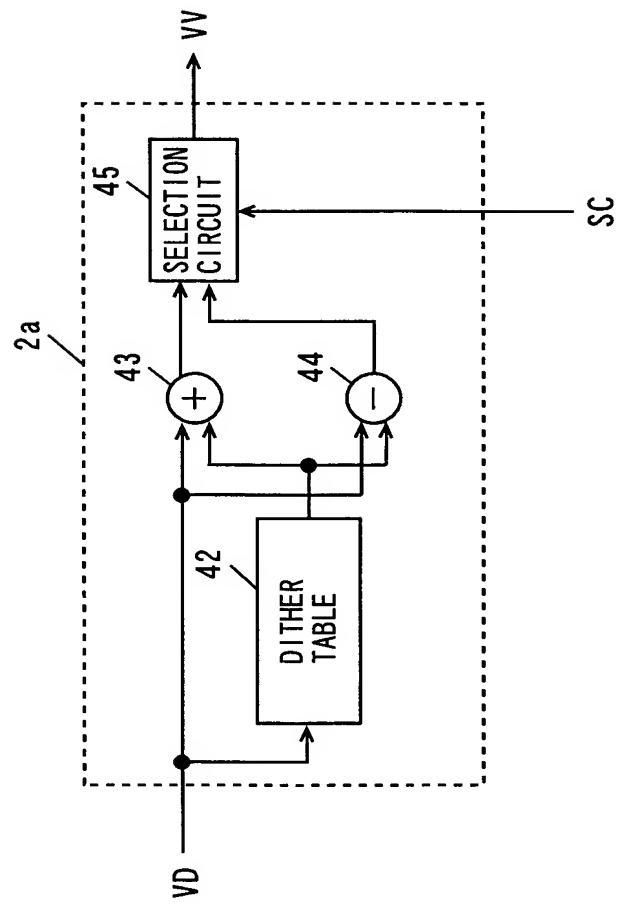
FIG. 7

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	12	19	26	34	42	51	61				
153		○		○	○	○		○	○		○	153	0	
154	○	○		○	○	○		○	○		○	154	0	
155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	154	1	± 1
156			○	○	○	○		○	○		○	156	0	
157	○		○	○	○	○		○	○		○	157	0	
158	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	157	1	± 1
159		○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	159	0	
160	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	160	0	
161		○		○	○		○	○	○		○	161	0	
162	○	○		○	○		○	○	○		○	162	0	
163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	162	1	± 1
164			○	○	○		○	○	○		○	164	0	
165	○		○	○	○		○	○	○		○	165	0	
166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	165	1	± 1
167		○	○	○	○		○	○	○		○	167	0	
168	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○		○	168	0	
169	○	○		○		○	○	○	○		○	169	0	
170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	169	1	± 1
171			○	○		○	○	○	○		○	171	0	
172	○		○	○		○	○	○	○		○	172	0	
173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	172	1	± 1
174		○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	174	0	
175	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	175	0	
176	○	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	176	0	
177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	176	1	± 1
178			○		○	○	○	○	○		○	178	0	
179	○		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	179	0	
180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	179	1	± 1
181		○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	181	0	
182	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	182	0	
183	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	182	1	± 1
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185	○			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	185	0	
186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	185	1	± 1
187		○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	187	0	
188	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	188	0	
189	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	188	1	± 1
190			○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	190	0	
191	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	191	0	
192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	191	1	± 1
193		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	193	0	
194	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	194	0	
195	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	○	195	0	
196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	195	1	± 1
197		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	197	0	
198	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	198	0	
199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	198	1	± 1
200			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	200	0	
201	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	201	0	
202	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	201	1	± 1
203		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	203	0	

FIG. 8

GRAY LEVELS \ WEIGHT	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	12	19	26	34	42	51	61				
204	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	204	0	
205	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	204	1	± 1
206		○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	206	0	
207	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	207	0	
208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	207	1	± 1
209			○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	209	0	
210	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	210	0	
211	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	210	1	± 1
212		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	212	0	
213	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	213	0	
214		○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	214	0	
215	○	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	215	0	
216	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	215	1	± 1
217			○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	217	0	
218	○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	218	0	
219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	218	1	± 1
220		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	220	0	
221	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	221	0	
222		○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	222	0	
223	○	○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	223	0	
224	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	223	1	± 1
225			○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	225	0	
226	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	226	0	
227	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	226	1	± 1
228		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	228	0	
229	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	229	0	
230	○	○		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	230	0	
231	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	230	1	± 1
232			○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	232	0	
233	○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	233	0	
234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	233	1	± 1
235		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	235	0	
236	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	236	0	
237	○	○			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	237	0	
238	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	237	1	± 1
239			○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	239	0	
240	○		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	240	0	
241	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	240	1	± 1
242		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	242	0	
243	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	243	0	
244	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	243	1	± 1
245				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	245	0	
246	○			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	246	0	
247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	246	1	± 1
248		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	248	0	
249	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	249	0	
250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	249	1	± 1
251			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	251	0	
252	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	252	0	
253	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	252	1	± 1
254		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	254	0	
255	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	255	0	

FIG. 9



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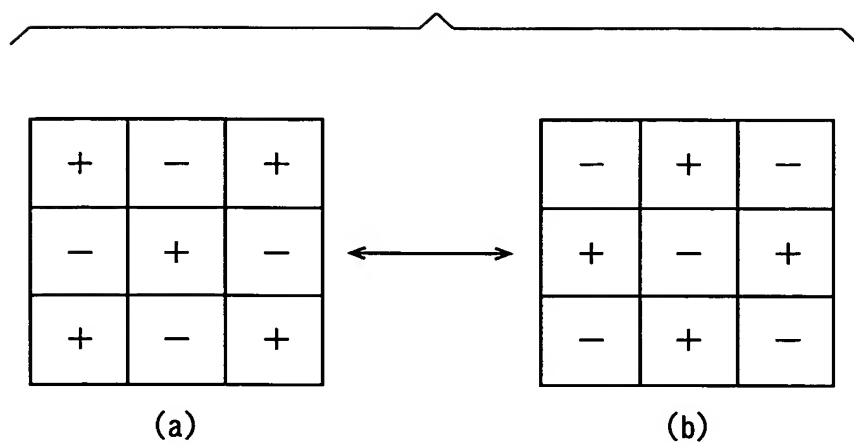


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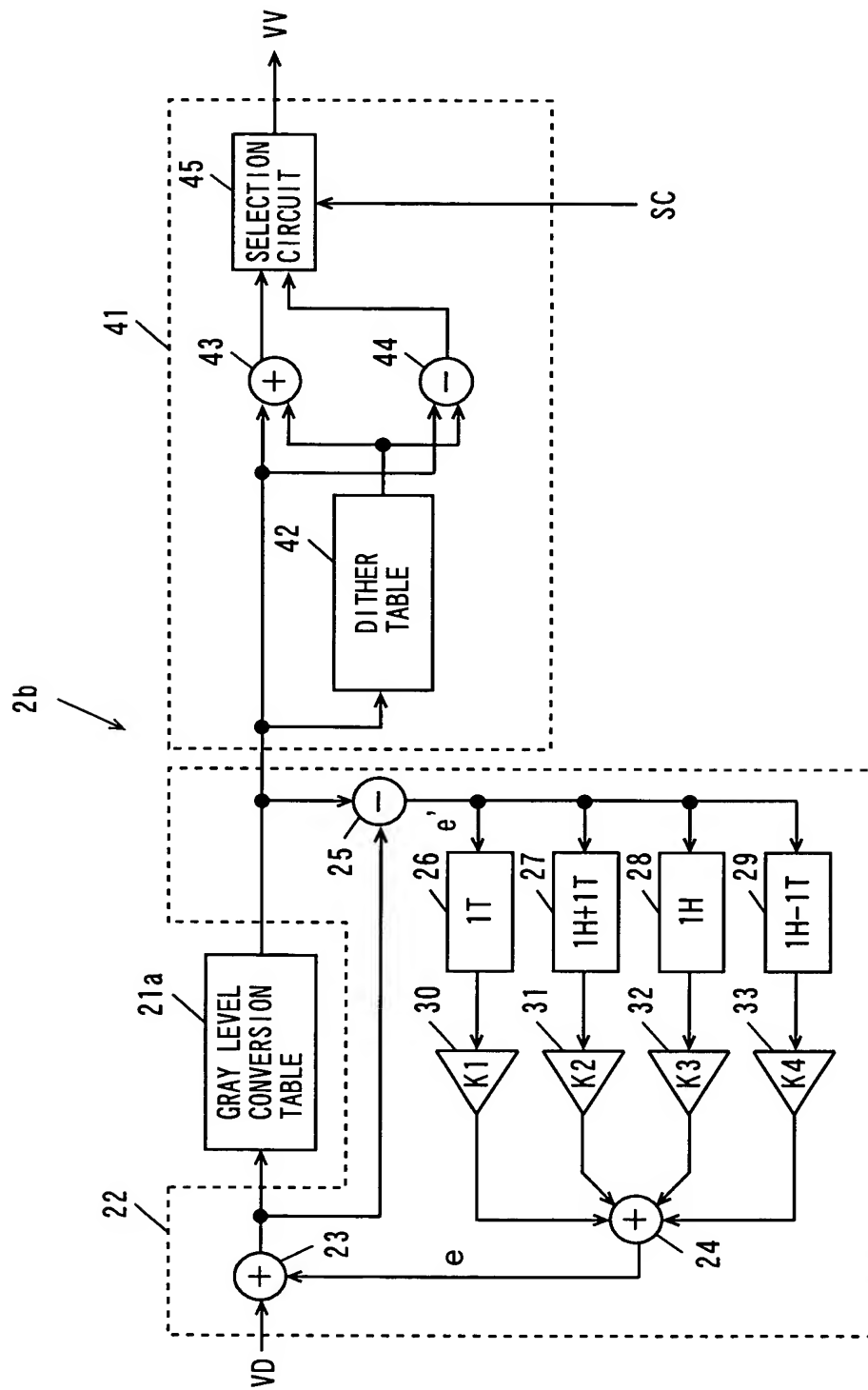


FIG. 12

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	13	20	27	34	42	50	59				
0											○	0	0	
1	○										○	1	0	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	2	0	±1
3		○									○	3	0	
4	○	○									○	4	0	
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	5	0	±1
6			○								○	6	0	
7	○		○								○	7	0	
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	8	0	±1
9		○	○								○	9	0	
10	○	○	○								○	10	0	
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	11	0	±2
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	11	1	
13				○							○	13	0	
14	○			○							○	14	0	
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	15	0	±1
16		○		○							○	16	0	
17	○	○		○							○	17	0	
18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	18	0	±1
19			○	○							○	19	0	
20	○		○	○							○	20	0	
21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	21	0	±1
22		○	○	○							○	22	0	
23	○	○	○	○							○	23	0	
24	○	○			○						○	24	0	
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	25	0	±1
26			○		○						○	26	0	
27	○		○		○						○	27	0	
28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	28	0	±1
29		○	○		○						○	29	0	
30	○	○	○		○						○	30	0	
31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	31	0	±2
32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	31	1	
33				○	○						○	33	0	
34	○			○	○						○	34	0	
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	35	0	±1
36		○		○	○						○	36	0	
37	○	○		○	○						○	37	0	
38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	38	0	±1
39			○	○	○						○	39	0	
40	○		○	○	○						○	40	0	
41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	41	0	±1
42		○	○	○	○						○	42	0	
43	○	○	○	○	○						○	43	0	
44	○	○		○		○					○	44	0	
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	45	0	±1
46			○	○		○					○	46	0	
47	○		○	○		○					○	47	0	
48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	48	0	±1
49		○	○	○		○					○	49	0	
50	○	○	○	○		○					○	50	0	

FIG. 13

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	13	20	27	34	42	50	59				
51	○	○			○	○					○	51	0	
52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	52	0	±1
53			○		○	○					○	53	0	
54	○		○		○	○					○	54	0	
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	55	0	±1
56		○	○		○	○					○	56	0	
57	○	○	○		○	○					○	57	0	
58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	58	0	±2
59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	59	1	
60				○	○	○					○	60	0	
61	○			○	○	○					○	61	0	
62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	62	0	±1
63		○		○	○	○					○	63	0	
64	○	○		○	○	○					○	64	0	
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	65	0	±1
66			○	○	○	○					○	66	0	
67	○		○	○	○	○					○	67	0	
68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	68	0	±1
69		○	○	○	○	○					○	69	0	
70	○	○	○	○	○	○					○	70	0	
71	○	○		○	○		○				○	71	0	
72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	72	0	±1
73			○	○	○		○				○	73	0	
74	○		○	○	○		○				○	74	0	
75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	75	0	±1
76		○	○	○	○		○				○	76	0	
77	○	○	○	○	○		○				○	77	0	
78	○	○		○		○	○				○	78	0	
79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	79	0	±1
80			○	○		○	○				○	80	0	
81	○		○	○		○	○				○	81	0	
82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	82	0	±1
83		○	○	○		○	○				○	83	0	
84	○	○	○	○		○	○				○	84	0	
85	○	○			○	○	○				○	85	0	
86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	86	0	±1
87			○		○	○	○				○	87	0	
88	○		○		○	○	○				○	88	0	
89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	89	0	±1
90		○	○		○	○	○				○	90	0	
91	○	○	○		○	○	○				○	91	0	
92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	92	0	±2
93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	93	1	
94				○	○	○	○				○	94	0	
95	○			○	○	○	○				○	95	0	
96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	96	0	±1
97		○		○	○	○	○				○	97	0	
98	○	○		○	○	○	○				○	98	0	
99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	99	0	±1
100			○	○	○	○	○				○	100	0	
101	○		○	○	○	○	○				○	101	0	

FIG. 14

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	13	20	27	34	42	50	59				
102	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	102	0	± 1
103		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	103	0	
104	○	○	○	○	○	○	○				○	104	0	
105		○		○	○	○		○			○	105	0	
106	○	○		○	○	○		○			○	106	0	
107	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	107	0	± 1
108			○	○	○	○		○			○	108	0	
109	○		○	○	○	○		○			○	109	0	
110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	110	0	± 1
111		○	○	○	○	○		○			○	111	0	
112	○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○	112	0	
113	○	○		○	○		○	○			○	113	0	
114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	114	0	± 1
115			○	○	○		○	○			○	115	0	
116	○		○	○	○		○	○			○	116	0	
117	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	117	0	± 1
118		○	○	○	○		○	○			○	118	0	
119	○	○	○	○	○		○	○			○	119	0	
120	○	○		○		○	○	○			○	120	0	
121	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	121	0	± 1
122			○	○		○	○	○			○	122	0	
123	○		○	○		○	○	○			○	123	0	
124	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	124	0	± 1
125		○	○	○		○	○	○			○	125	0	
126	○	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	126	0	
127	○	○			○	○	○	○			○	127	0	
128	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	128	0	± 1
129			○		○	○	○	○			○	129	0	
130	○		○		○	○	○	○			○	130	0	
131	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	131	0	± 1
132		○	○		○	○	○	○			○	132	0	
133	○	○	○		○	○	○	○			○	133	0	
134	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	134	0	± 2
135	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	134	1	
136				○	○	○	○	○			○	136	0	
137	○			○	○	○	○	○			○	137	0	
138	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	138	0	± 1
139		○		○	○	○	○	○			○	139	0	
140	○	○		○	○	○	○	○			○	140	0	
141	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	141	0	± 1
142			○	○	○	○	○	○			○	142	0	
143	○		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	143	0	
144	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	144	0	± 1
145		○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	145	0	
146	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	146	0	
147		○		○	○	○	○		○		○	147	0	
148	○	○		○	○	○	○		○		○	148	0	
149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	149	0	± 1
150			○	○	○	○	○		○		○	150	0	
151	○		○	○	○	○	○		○		○	151	0	
152	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	152	0	± 1

FIG. 15

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	13	20	27	34	42	50	59				
153		○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	153	0	
154	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	154	0	
155		○		○	○	○		○	○		○	155	0	
156	○	○		○	○	○		○	○		○	156	0	
157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	157	0	±1
158			○	○	○	○		○	○		○	158	0	
159	○		○	○	○	○		○	○		○	159	0	
160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	160	0	±1
161		○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	161	0	
162	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	162	0	
163	○	○		○	○		○	○	○		○	163	0	
164	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	164	0	±1
165			○	○	○		○	○	○		○	165	0	
166	○		○	○	○		○	○	○		○	166	0	
167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	167	0	±1
168		○	○	○	○		○	○	○		○	168	0	
169	○	○		○	○		○	○	○		○	169	0	
170	○	○		○		○	○	○	○		○	170	0	
171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	171	0	±1
172			○	○		○	○	○	○		○	172	0	
173	○		○	○		○	○	○	○		○	173	0	
174	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	174	0	±1
175		○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	175	0	
176	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	176	0	
177	○	○			○	○	○	○	○	—	○	177	0	
178	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	178	0	±1
179			○		○	○	○	○	○		○	179	0	
180	○		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	180	0	
181	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	181	0	±1
182		○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	182	0	
183	○	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	183	0	
184	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	184	0	±2
185	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	184	1	
186				○	○	○	○	○	○		○	186	0	
187	○			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	187	0	
188	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	188	0	±1
189		○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	189	0	
190	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	190	0	
191	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	191	0	±1
192			○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	192	0	
193	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	193	0	
194	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	194	0	±1
195		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	195	0	
196	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	196	0	
197	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	197	0	±1
198		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	198	0	
199	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	199	0	
200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	200	0	±1
201			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	201	0	
202	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	202	0	
203	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	203	0	±1

FIG. 16

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD										DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10				
	1	3	6	13	20	27	34	42	50	59				
204		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	204	0	
205	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	205	0	
206		○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	206	0	
207	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	207	0	
208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	208	0	± 1
209			○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	209	0	
210	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	210	0	
211	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	211	0	± 1
212		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	212	0	
213	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	213	0	
214		○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	214	0	
215	○	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	215	0	
216	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	216	0	± 1
217			○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	217	0	
218	○		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	218	0	
219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	219	0	± 1
220		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	220	0	
221	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	221	0	
222	○	○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	222	0	
223	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	223	0	± 1
224			○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	224	0	
225	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	225	0	
226	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	226	0	± 1
227		○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	227	0	
228	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	228	0	
229	○	○		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	229	0	
230	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	230	0	± 1
231			○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	231	0	
232	○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	232	0	
233	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	233	0	± 1
234		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	234	0	
235	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	235	0	
236	○	○			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	236	0	
237	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	237	0	± 1
238			○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	238	0	
239	○		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	239	0	
240	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	240	0	± 1
241		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	241	0	
242	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	242	0	
243	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	243	0	± 2
244	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	244	1	
245				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	245	0	
246	○			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	246	0	
247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	247	0	± 1
248		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	248	0	
249	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	249	0	
250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	250	0	± 1
251			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	251	0	
252	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	252	0	
253	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	253	0	± 1
254		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	254	0	
255	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	255	0	

FIG. 17

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD									DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9				
	1	3	6	14	24	35	46	57	69				
0										○	0	0	
1	○									○	1	0	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	1	1	± 1
3		○								○	3	0	
4	○	○								○	4	0	
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	4	1	± 1
6			○							○	6	0	
7	○		○							○	7	0	
8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	7	1	± 1
9		○	○							○	9	0	
10	○	○	○							○	10	0	
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	10	1	± 4
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	10	2	± 2
13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	10	3	± 4
14				○						○	14	0	
15	○			○						○	15	0	
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	15	1	± 1
17		○		○						○	17	0	
18	○	○		○						○	18	0	
19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	18	1	± 1
20			○	○						○	20	0	
21	○		○	○						○	21	0	
22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	21	1	± 1
23		○	○	○						○	23	0	
24	○	○	○	○						○	24	0	
25	○				○					○	25	0	
26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	25	1	± 1
27		○			○					○	27	0	
28	○	○			○					○	28	0	
29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	28	1	± 1
30			○		○					○	30	0	
31	○		○		○					○	31	0	
32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	31	1	± 1
33		○	○		○		-	-	-	○	33	0	
34	○	○	○		○					○	34	0	
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	34	1	± 4
36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	34	2	± 2
37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	34	3	± 4
38				○	○					○	38	0	
39	○			○	○					○	39	0	
40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	39	1	± 1
41		○		○	○					○	41	0	
42	○	○		○	○					○	42	0	
43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	42	1	± 1
44			○	○	○					○	44	0	
45	○		○	○	○					○	45	0	
46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	45	1	± 1
47		○	○	○	○					○	47	0	
48	○	○	○	○	○					○	48	0	
49				○		○				○	49	0	
50	○			○		○				○	50	0	

FIG. 18

GRAY LEVELS	WEIGHT	SUB-FIELD									DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
		SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9				
		1	3	6	14	24	35	46	57	69				
51		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	50	1	± 1
52			○		○		○				○	52	0	
53		○	○		○		○				○	53	0	
54		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	53	1	± 1
55				○	○		○				○	55	0	
56		○		○	○		○				○	56	0	
57		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	56	1	± 1
58			○	○	○		○				○	58	0	
59		○	○	○	○		○				○	59	0	
60		○				○	○				○	60	0	
61		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	60	1	± 1
62			○			○	○				○	62	0	
63		○	○			○	○				○	63	0	
64		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	63	1	± 1
65				○		○	○				○	65	0	
66		○		○		○	○				○	66	0	
67		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	66	1	± 1
68			○	○		○	○				○	68	0	
69		○	○	○		○	○				○	69	0	
70		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	69	1	± 4
71		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	69	2	± 2
72		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	69	3	± 4
73				○	○	○					○	73	0	
74		○		○	○	○					○	74	0	
75		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	74	1	± 1
76			○		○	○	○				○	76	0	
77		○	○		○	○	○				○	77	0	
78		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	77	1	± 1
79				○	○	○	○				○	79	0	
80		○		○	○	○	○				○	80	0	
81		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	80	1	± 1
82			○	○	○	○	○				○	82	0	
83		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	83	0	
84					○	○		○			○	84	0	
85		○			○	○		○			○	85	0	
86		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	85	1	± 1
87			○		○	○		○	—	—	○	87	0	
88		○	○		○	○		○			○	88	0	
89		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	88	1	± 1
90				○	○	○		○			○	90	0	
91		○		○	○	○		○			○	91	0	
92		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	91	1	± 1
93			○	○	○	○		○			○	93	0	
94		○	○	○	○	○		○			○	94	0	
95					○		○	○			○	95	0	
96		○			○		○	○			○	96	0	
97		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	96	1	± 1
98			○		○		○	○			○	98	0	
99		○	○		○		○	○			○	99	0	
100		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	99	1	± 1
101				○	○		○	○			○	101	0	

FIG. 19

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD									DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9				
	1	3	6	14	24	35	46	57	69				
102	○		○	○		○	○			○	102	0	
103	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	102	1	±1
104		○	○	○		○	○			○	104	0	
105	○	○	○	○		○	○			○	105	0	
106	○				○	○	○			○	106	0	
107	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	106	1	±1
108		○			○	○	○			○	108	0	
109	○	○			○	○	○			○	109	0	
110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	109	1	±1
111			○		○	○	○			○	111	0	
112	○		○		○	○	○			○	112	0	
113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	112	1	±1
114		○	○		○	○	○			○	114	0	
115	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	115	0	
116	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	115	1	±4
117	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	115	2	±2
118	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	115	3	±4
119				○	○	○	○			○	119	0	
120	○			○	○	○	○			○	120	0	
121	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	120	1	±1
122		○		○	○	○	○			○	122	0	
123	○	○		○	○	○	○			○	123	0	
124	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	123	1	±1
125			○	○	○	○	○			○	125	0	
126	○		○	○	○	○	○			○	126	0	
127	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	126	1	±1
128		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	128	0	
129	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	129	0	
130				○	○	○		○		○	130	0	
131	○			○	○	○		○		○	131	0	
132	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	131	1	±1
133		○		○	○	○		○		○	133	0	
134	○	○		○	○	○		○		○	134	0	
135	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	134	1	±1
136			○	○	○	○		○		○	136	0	
137	○		○	○	○	○		○		○	137	0	
138	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	137	1	±1
139		○	○	○	○	○		○		○	139	0	
140	○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	140	0	
141				○	○		○	○		○	141	0	
142	○			○	○		○	○		○	142	0	
143	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	142	1	±1
144		○		○	○		○	○		○	144	0	
145	○			○	○		○	○		○	145	0	
146	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	145	1	±1
147			○	○	○		○	○		○	147	0	
148	○		○	○	○		○	○		○	148	0	
149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	148	1	±1
150		○	○	○	○		○	○		○	150	0	
151	○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	151	0	
152				○		○	○	○		○	152	0	

FIG. 20

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD									DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9				
	1	3	6	14	24	35	46	57	69				
153	○			○		○	○	○		○	153	0	
154	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	153	1	± 1
155		○		○		○	○	○		○	155	0	
156	○	○		○		○	○	○		○	156	0	
157	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	156	1	± 1
158			○	○		○	○	○		○	158	0	
159	○		○	○		○	○	○		○	159	0	
160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	159	1	± 1
161		○	○	○		○	○	○		○	161	0	
162	○	○	○	○		○	○	○		○	162	0	
163	○				○	○	○	○		○	163	0	
164	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	163	1	± 1
165		○			○	○	○	○		○	165	0	
166	○	○			○	○	○	○		○	166	0	
167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	166	1	± 1
168			○		○	○	○	○		○	168	0	
169	○		○		○	○	○	○		○	169	0	
170	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	169	1	± 1
171		○	○		○	○	○	○		○	171	0	
172	○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	172	0	
173	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	172	1	± 4
174	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	172	2	± 2
175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	172	3	± 4
176				○	○	○	○	○		○	176	0	
177	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	177	0	
178	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	177	1	± 1
179		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	179	0	
180	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	180	0	
181	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	180	1	± 1
182			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	182	0	
183	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	183	0	
184	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	183	1	± 1
185		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	185	0	
186	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	186	0	
187	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	186	1	± 1
188				○	○	○	○		○	○	188	0	
189	○			○	○	○	○		○	○	189	0	
190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	189	1	± 1
191		○		○	○	○	○		○	○	191	0	
192	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	○	192	0	
193	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	192	1	± 1
194			○	○	○	○	○		○	○	194	0	
195	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	195	0	
196	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	195	1	± 1
197		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	197	0	
198	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	198	0	
199				○	○	○		○	○	○	199	0	
200	○			○	○	○		○	○	○	200	0	
201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	×	200	1	± 1
202		○		○	○	○		○	○	○	202	0	
203	○	○		○	○	○		○	○	○	203	0	

FIG. 21

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD									DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9				
	1	3	6	14	24	35	46	57	69				
204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	203	1	± 1
205	-	-	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	205	0	
206	○	-	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	206	0	
207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	206	1	± 1
208	-	○	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	208	0	
209	○	○	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	209	0	
210	-	-	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	210	0	
211	○	-	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	211	0	
212	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	211	1	± 1
213	-	○	-	○	○	-	-	-	○	○	213	0	
214	○	○	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	214	0	
215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	214	1	± 1
216	-	-	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	216	0	
217	○	-	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	217	0	
218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	217	1	± 1
219	-	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	219	0	
220	○	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	220	0	
221	-	-	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	221	0	
222	○	-	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	222	0	
223	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	222	1	± 1
224	-	○	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	224	0	
225	○	○	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	225	0	
226	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	225	1	± 1
227	-	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	227	0	
228	○	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	228	0	
229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	228	1	± 1
230	-	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	230	0	
231	○	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	231	0	
232	○	-	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	232	0	
233	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	232	1	± 1
234	-	○	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	234	0	
235	○	○	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	235	0	
236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	235	1	± 1
237	-	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	237	0	
238	○	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	238	0	
239	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	238	1	± 1
240	-	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	240	0	
241	○	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	241	0	
242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	241	1	± 4
243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	241	2	± 2
244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	241	3	± 4
245	-	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	245	0	
246	○	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	246	0	
247	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	246	1	± 1
248	-	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	248	0	
249	○	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	249	0	
250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	249	1	± 1
251	-	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	251	0	
252	○	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	252	0	
253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	252	1	± 1
254	-	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	254	0	
255	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	255	0	

FIG. 22

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD											DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10	SF11				
	1	2	4	8	16	33	35	36	38	40	42				
0												○	0	0	
1	○											○	1	0	
2		○										○	2	0	
3	○	○										○	3	0	
4			○									○	4	0	
5	○		○									○	5	0	
6		○	○									○	6	0	
7	○	○	○									○	7	0	
8				○								○	8	0	
9	○			○								○	9	0	
10		○		○								○	10	0	
11	○	○		○								○	11	0	
12			○	○								○	12	0	
13	○		○	○								○	13	0	
14		○	○	○								○	14	0	
15	○	○	○	○								○	15	0	
16					○							○	16	0	
17	○				○							○	17	0	
18		○			○							○	18	0	
19	○	○			○							○	19	0	
20			○		○							○	20	0	
21	○		○		○							○	21	0	
22		○	○		○							○	22	0	
23	○	○	○		○							○	23	0	
24				○	○							○	24	0	
25	○			○	○							○	25	0	
26		○		○	○							○	26	0	
27	○	○		○	○							○	27	0	
28			○	○	○							○	28	0	
29	○		○	○	○							○	29	0	
30		○	○	○	○							○	30	0	
31	○	○	○	○	○							○	31	0	
32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	×	31	1	± 1
33						○						○	33	0	
34	○					○						○	34	0	
35		○				○						○	35	0	
36	○	○				○						○	36	0	
37			○			○						○	37	0	
38	○		○			○						○	38	0	
39		○	○			○						○	39	0	
40	○	○	○			○						○	40	0	
41				○		○						○	41	0	
42	○			○		○						○	42	0	
43		○		○		○						○	43	0	
44	○	○		○		○						○	44	0	
45			○	○		○						○	45	0	
46	○		○	○		○						○	46	0	
47		○	○	○		○						○	47	0	
48	○	○	○	○		○						○	48	0	
49					○	○						○	49	0	
50	○				○	○						○	50	0	

FIG. 23

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD											DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10	SF11				
	1	2	4	8	16	33	35	36	38	40	42				
51		○			○	○						○	51	0	
52	○	○			○	○						○	52	0	
53			○		○	○						○	53	0	
54	○		○		○	○						○	54	0	
55		○	○		○	○						○	55	0	
56	○	○	○		○	○						○	56	0	
57				○	○	○						○	57	0	
58	○			○	○	○						○	58	0	
59		○		○	○	○						○	59	0	
60	○	○		○	○	○						○	60	0	
61			○	○	○	○						○	61	0	
62	○		○	○	○	○						○	62	0	
63		○	○	○	○	○						○	63	0	
64	○	○	○	○	○	○						○	64	0	
65		○	○	○	○		○					○	65	0	
66	○	○	○	○			○					○	66	0	
67	○	○	○	○				○				○	67	0	
68						○	○					○	68	0	
69	○					○	○					○	69	0	
70		○				○	○					○	70	0	
71	○	○				○	○					○	71	0	
72			○			○	○					○	72	0	
73	○		○			○	○					○	73	0	
74		○	○			○	○					○	74	0	
75	○	○	○			○	○					○	75	0	
76				○		○	○					○	76	0	
77	○			○		○	○					○	77	0	
78		○		○		○	○					○	78	0	
79	○	○		○		○	○					○	79	0	
80			○	○		○	○					○	80	0	
81	○		○	○		○	○					○	81	0	
82		○	○	○		○	○					○	82	0	
83	○	○	○	○		○	○					○	83	0	
84					○	○	○					○	84	0	
85	○				○	○	○					○	85	0	
86		○			○	○	○					○	86	0	
87	○	○			○	○	○					○	87	0	
88			○		○	○	○					○	88	0	
89	○		○		○	○	○					○	89	0	
90		○	○		○	○	○					○	90	0	
91	○	○	○		○	○	○					○	91	0	
92				○	○	○	○					○	92	0	
93	○			○	○	○	○					○	93	0	
94		○		○	○	○	○					○	94	0	
95	○	○		○	○	○	○					○	95	0	
96			○	○	○	○	○					○	96	0	
97	○		○	○	○	○	○					○	97	0	
98		○	○	○	○	○	○					○	98	0	
99	○	○	○	○	○	○	○					○	99	0	
100	○	○	○	○	○	○		○				○	100	0	
101		○	○	○	○		○	○				○	101	0	

FIG. 24

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD											DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10	SF11				
	1	2	4	8	16	33	35	36	38	40	42				
102	○	○	○	○	○		○	○				○	102	0	
103		○	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	103	0	
104						○	○	○				○	104	0	
105	○					○	○	○				○	105	0	
106		○				○	○	○				○	106	0	
107	○	○				○	○	○				○	107	0	
108			○			○	○	○				○	108	0	
109	○		○			○	○	○				○	109	0	
110		○	○			○	○	○				○	110	0	
111	○	○	○			○	○	○				○	111	0	
112				○		○	○	○				○	112	0	
113	○			○		○	○	○				○	113	0	
114		○		○		○	○	○				○	114	0	
115	○	○		○		○	○	○				○	115	0	
116			○	○		○	○	○				○	116	0	
117	○		○	○		○	○	○				○	117	0	
118		○	○	○		○	○	○				○	118	0	
119	○	○	○	○		○	○	○				○	119	0	
120					○	○	○	○				○	120	0	
121	○				○	○	○	○				○	121	0	
122		○			○	○	○	○				○	122	0	
123	○	○			○	○	○	○				○	123	0	
124			○		○	○	○	○				○	124	0	
125	○		○		○	○	○	○				○	125	0	
126		○	○		○	○	○	○				○	126	0	
127	○	○	○		○	○	○	○				○	127	0	
128				○	○	○	○	○				○	128	0	
129	○			○	○	○	○	○				○	129	0	
130		○		○	○	○	○	○				○	130	0	
131	○	○		○	○	○	○	○				○	131	0	
132			○	○	○	○	○	○				○	132	0	
133	○		○	○	○	○	○	○				○	133	0	
134		○	○	○	○	○	○	○				○	134	0	
135	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○				○	135	0	
136		○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○	136	0	
137	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○			○	137	0	
138	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○			○	138	0	
139		○	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	139	0	
140	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○			○	140	0	
141	○	○		○	○			○	○	○		○	141	0	
142						○	○	○	○			○	142	0	
143	○					○	○	○	○			○	143	0	
144		○				○	○	○	○			○	144	0	
145	○	○				○	○	○	○			○	145	0	
146			○			○	○	○	○			○	146	0	
147	○		○			○	○	○	○			○	147	0	
148		○	○			○	○	○	○			○	148	0	
149	○	○	○			○	○	○	○			○	149	0	
150				○		○	○	○	○			○	150	0	
151	○			○		○	○	○	○			○	151	0	
152		○		○		○	○	○	○			○	152	0	

FIG. 25

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD											DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10	SF11				
	1	2	4	8	16	33	35	36	38	40	42				
153	○	○		○		○	○	○	○			○	153	0	
154			○	○		○	○	○	○			○	154	0	
155	○		○	○		○	○	○	○			○	155	0	
156		○	○	○		○	○	○	○			○	156	0	
157	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○			○	157	0	
158					○	○	○	○	○			○	158	0	
159	○				○	○	○	○	○			○	159	0	
160		○			○	○	○	○	○			○	160	0	
161	○	○			○	○	○	○	○			○	161	0	
162			○		○	○	○	○	○			○	162	0	
163	○		○		○	○	○	○	○			○	163	0	
164		○	○		○	○	○	○	○			○	164	0	
165	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○			○	165	0	
166				○	○	○	○	○	○			○	166	0	
167	○			○	○	○	○	○	○			○	167	0	
168		○		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	168	0	
169	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○			○	169	0	
170			○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	170	0	
171	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	171	0	
172		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	172	0	
173	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			○	173	0	
174		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	174	0	
175	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○		○	175	0	
176		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○		○	176	0	
177	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○		○	177	0	
178	○	○	○	○	○			○	○	○		○	178	0	
179		○	○	○	○				○	○		○	179	0	
180	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○		○	180	0	
181		○	○	○	○	○		○		○	○	○	181	0	
182						○	○	○	○	○		○	182	0	
183	○					○	○	○	○	○		○	183	0	
184		○				○	○	○	○	○		○	184	0	
185	○	○				○	○	○	○	○		○	185	0	
186			○			○	○	○	○	○		○	186	0	
187	○		○			○	○	○	○	○		○	187	0	
188		○	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	188	0	
189	○	○	○			○	○	○	○	○		○	189	0	
190				○		○	○	○	○	○		○	190	0	
191	○			○		○	○	○	○	○		○	191	0	
192		○		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	192	0	
193	○	○		○		○	○	○	○	○		○	193	0	
194			○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	194	0	
195	○		○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	195	0	
196		○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	196	0	
197	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	197	0	
198					○	○	○	○	○	○		○	198	0	
199	○				○	○	○	○	○	○		○	199	0	
200		○			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	200	0	
201	○	○			○	○	○	○	○	○		○	201	0	
202			○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	202	0	
203	○		○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	203	0	

FIG. 26

WEIGHT GRAY LEVELS	SUB-FIELD											DISPLAY AVAILABLE/ UNAVAILABLE	CONVERTED VALUE	ERROR	DITHER
	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	SF7	SF8	SF9	SF10	SF11				
	1	2	4	8	16	33	35	36	38	40	42				
204		○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	204	0	
205	○	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○		○	205	0	
206				○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	206	0	
207	○			○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	207	0	
208		○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	208	0	
209	○	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	209	0	
210			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	210	0	
211	○		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	211	0	
212		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	212	0	
213	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	213	0	
214		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	214	0	
215	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	215	0	
216		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	216	0	
217	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	217	0	
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FIG. 27

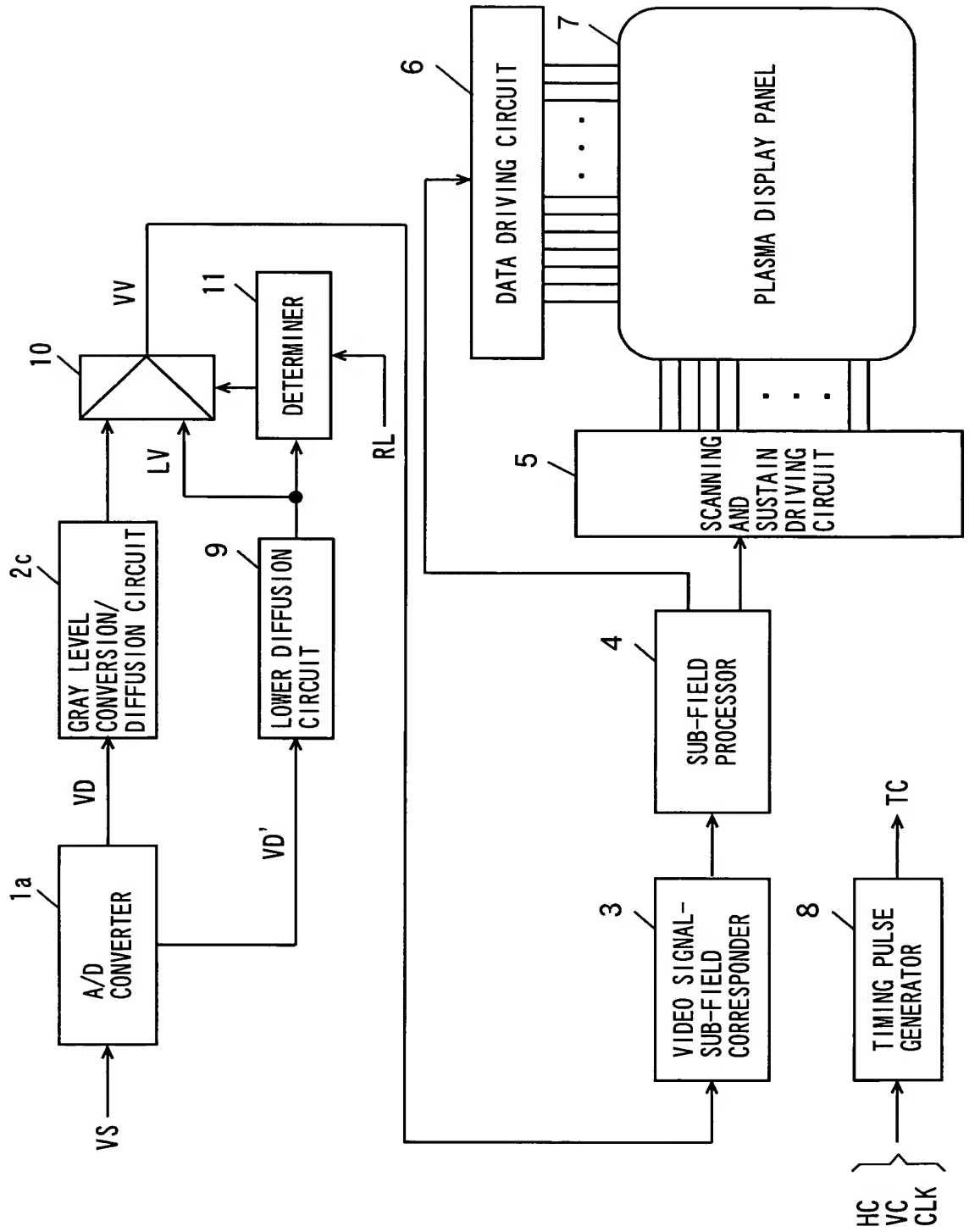


FIG. 28

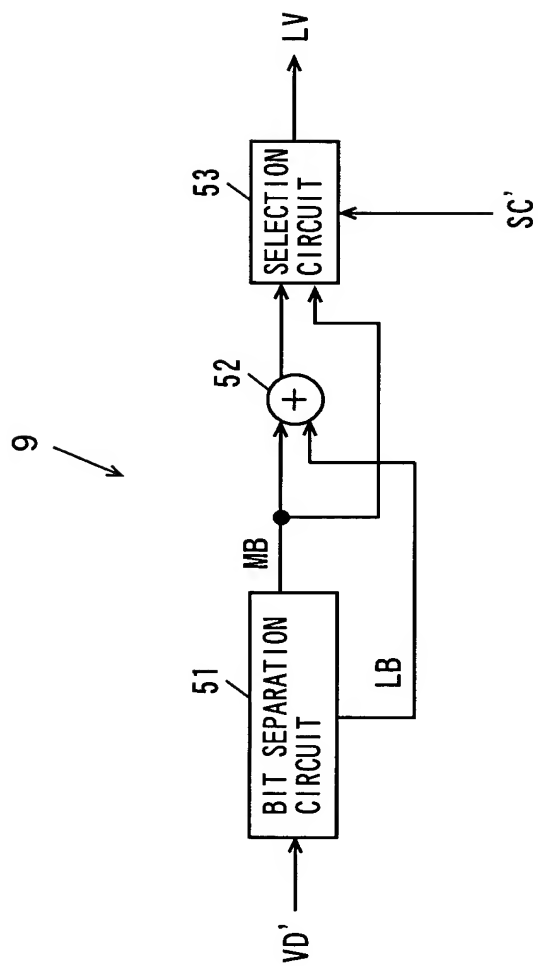


FIG. 29

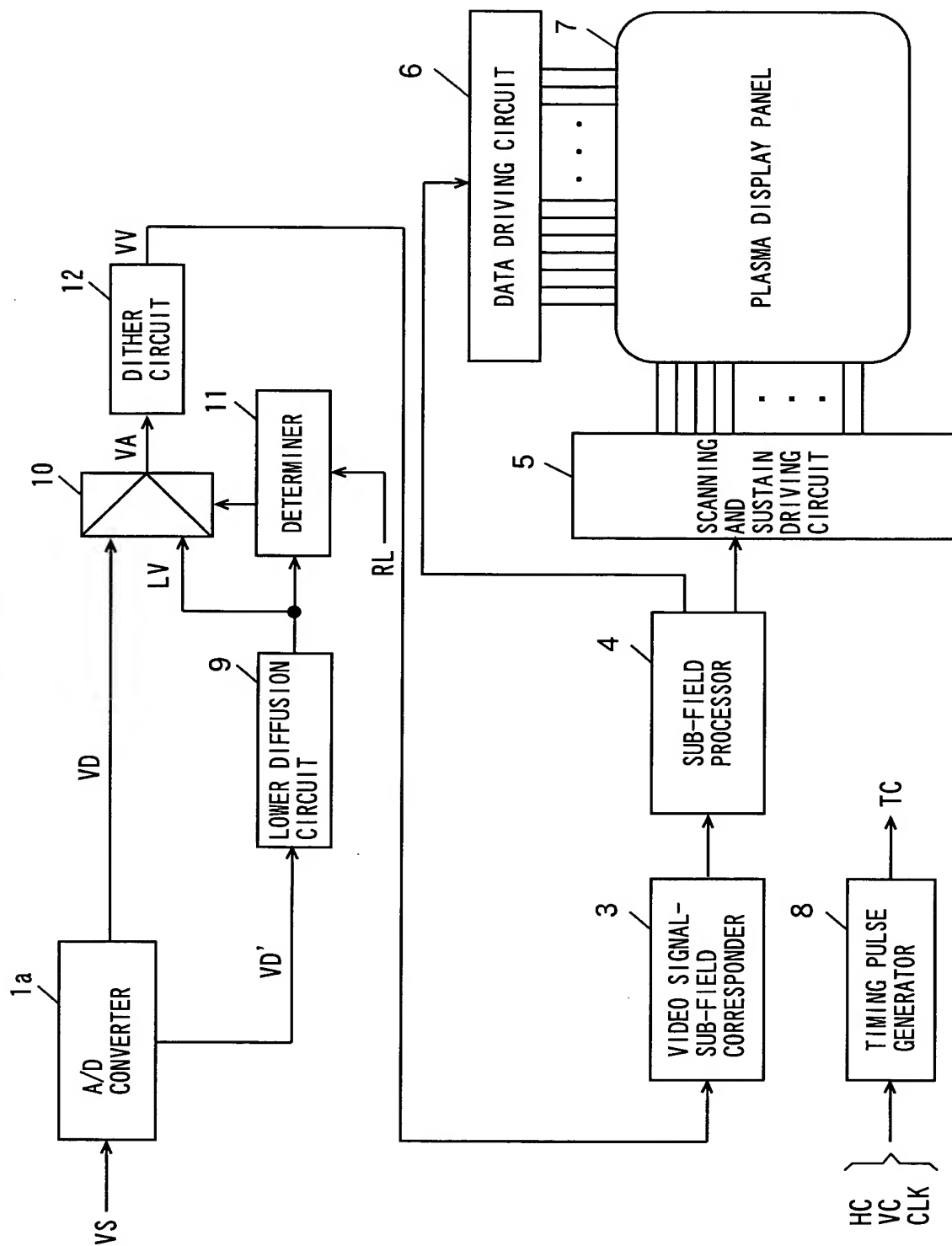
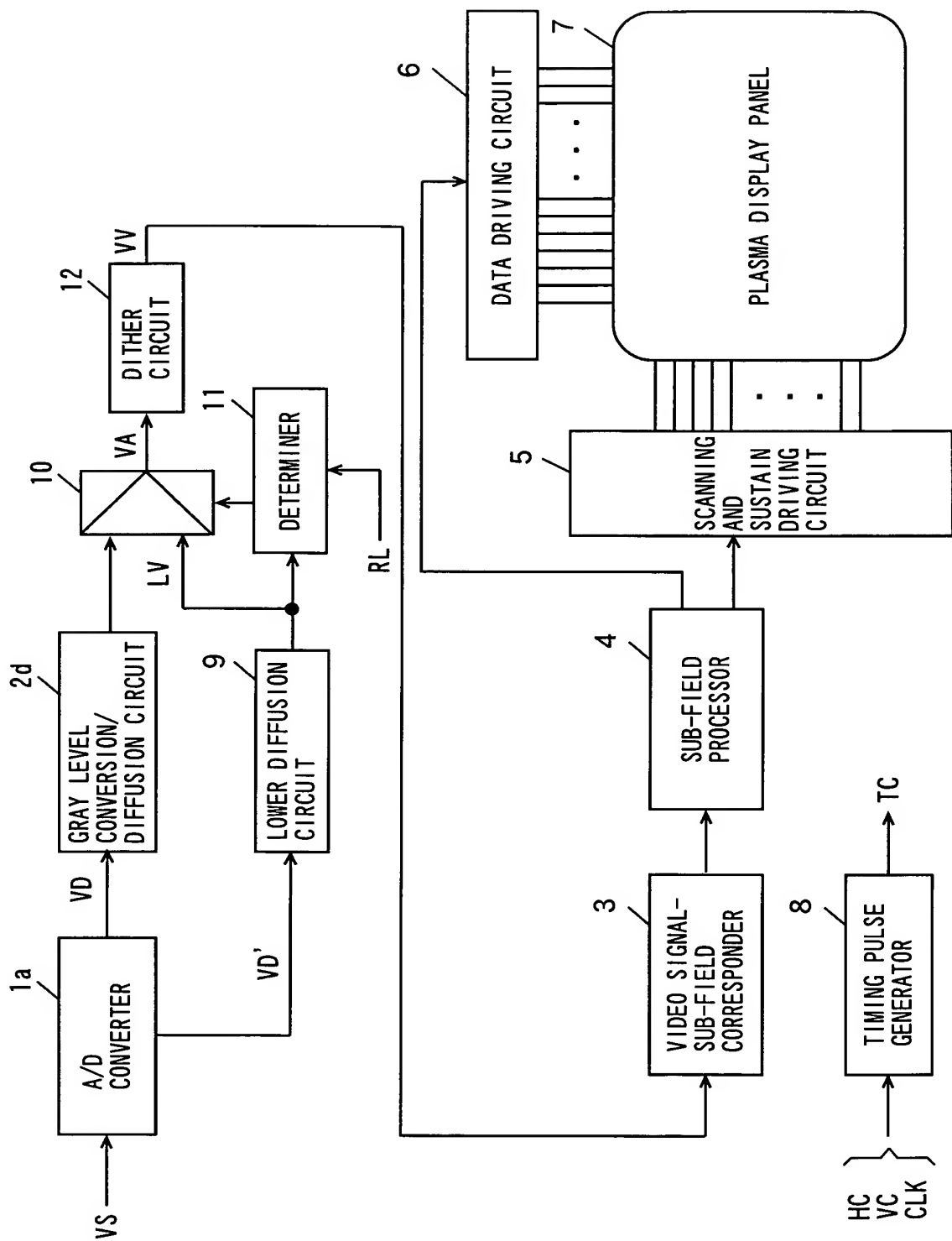


FIG. 30





[Document Name] Abstract

[Abstract]

[Subject] Providing a display device and a display method capable of sufficiently enlarging the maximum gray level and the total number of displayable gray scales without increasing the number of division of sub-fields while improving reproducibility for low gray levels.

[Solving Means] A gray level conversion/diffusion circuit 2 diffuses the difference between a non-display gray level and a display gray level by error diffusion processing when a video signal is a video signal of the non-display gray level, a video signal-sub-field corresponder 3 converts a video signal of one field after diffusion to a video signal every sub-field, and a sub-field processor 4, a scanning and sustain driving circuit 5 and a data driving circuit 6 make a discharge cell of a plasma display panel 7 emit light or emit no light every sub-field in response to the video signal every sub-field.

[Selected Drawing] Fig. 1